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3 candidates for special election

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REPORTER

» Certification by default likely

Three candidates for the Nov. 4 special election to fill a Senate seat vacated by former Saipan senator Ray Yumul have filed their petitions, two of them a few hours before the close of yesterday's 4pm deadline.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero confirmed that these three individuals turned in their petitions to run for the special election by the deadline: Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar of the Republican Party, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board trustee Roy Rios as an independent bet, and former Fire chief Jesus M. Castro, also as an independent candidate.

Rios filed his candidacy on Tuesday, a day after the Republican Party board chose Igisomar as the official GOP bet for the special election. Rios was not the second top vote getter during the GOP central committee voting. It was former Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP Reyes who came in a close second; with Igisomar leading by only one vote.

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'Managaha landing fee can't pay for land compensation'

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Over 200 Saipan landowners should not expect to get paid today from the $800,000 Managaha landing fee, after the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Lands said yesterday that the local law that provides for the land compensation payments is "unconstitutional."

Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) separately insisted yesterday that Saipan Local Law 18-19 does not violate the NMI Constitution, that DPL should pay landowners $800,000 by today's deadline, and that Gov. Eloy S. Inos should have vetoed the bill if the Executive Branch really believed the measure is unconstitutional.

» Tebuteb says DPL has to pay landowners by today

» Inos slammed for not vetoing bill if OAG had concerns

Instead, Tebuteb said, the governor—along with OAG and DPL—allowed the local bill to become law without the governor's signature on July 19.

"If there is an obvious problem with the law, why was there no veto? Why did the AG stay silent for 25 days, which is five days longer than the constitutional requirement of 20 days, while the bill became law? Now that the law is law, instead of paying what is owed, why does DPL wait 60 days to claim that the law is unconstitutional and issue a press release instead of issuing the checks?" Tebuteb said in a statement after an interview with reporters on Capital Hill.

DPL also brought up yesterday a 2006 legal opinion that stated partly that the department has the exclusive

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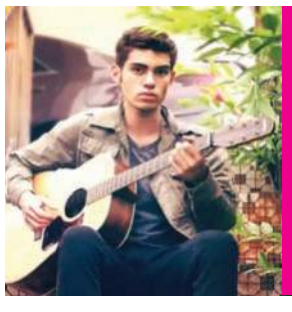

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Big spring cleaning garage sale set

The biggest spring cleaning garage sale ever will take place on Sunday, Sept. 21, starting at 7:30am at the driveway of the MVA parking lot. Items for sale are bicycle, razor scooter, books, clothes, shoes, toys, baby items, household items, suitcases, and many more. ***(PR)***

Little League Baseball membership meeting

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. is inviting all managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals for the general membership meeting to elect new board members for the 2015-2016 Little League Season. The meeting will be held on Oct. 4, 2014, starting at 9am, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium Pavilion. Please mark your calendar and be there. ***(PR)***

The Salvation Army's Family Fun Fair cancelled

Because of the bad weather in the last few days, The Salvation Army has cancelled its Family Fun Fair until further notice. The Family Fun Fair was supposed to take place on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, at the field in front of Hopwood Middle School on Beach Road. ***(PR)***

Diabetes coalition set membership meeting

The Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition is scheduling their general membership meeting on Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, at the Office on Aging conference room from 9:30am to 11:30am. All CDC members as well as interested individuals, organizations, partner agencies from government and non-government, and faith-based organizations are invited to attend this meeting. For more information about the scheduled CDC meeting, contact Ayuda Network, Inc. at 234-7469 or via email at ayudanet1@ayuda-cnmi.org. ***(Ayuda)***

NMDC schedule of events

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp. has scheduled the following events:

- NMDC-hosted Delegate Candidates' Forum on Friday, Sept. 26, starting at 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.
- NMDC-hosted 1st Marianas Indigenous Conference on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 29 and 30, from 7:30am to 4:30pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
- NMDC-hosted CNMI Gubernatorial Candidates Forum on Friday, Oct. 10, starting at 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe. ***(NMDC)***

Free lecture on Chamorro language research

A presentation on *The Chamorro Language across Islands and Generations* will be given on Tinian on Sept. 22. This is a report on the latest research into Chamorro language processing by the *Chamorro Psycholinguistics na Project* team of Sandy Chung, Matt Wagers, and Manny F. Borja. The presentation will be at the Gineftao Center at 5:30pm. The presentation is free to the public and all are welcome. ***(PR)***

CCA board meeting on Sept. 23

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Sept. 25

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25, starting at 5:30pm at the Chamolinian Room of the Hyatt Regency Saipan. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Timeline for marine monument visitors center pushed

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A firm timeline is being pushed for a Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitors Center, five years after the monument was established in 2009.

"Without establishing a timeline, you will not be able to know how you're going to go from point A to point Z," said Manny Pangelinan, Marianas Trench Monument Advisory Council member as well as acting secretary of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

He said he would be writing to the other advisory council to recommend that the timeline be established.

Pangelinan wants the timeline to articulate distinct phases for completion of the center.

As of now, as they are still drawing on public comments to add to their own initial recommendations for a center, he said the council does not yet have a conceptual design and "there is still much to be done" in deciding where a visitors center would be.

He said it must be decided first where it will be set, then permitting for the land must be done, and then funding must be looked for.

The lack of a timeline, among other things, was one issue brought up during discussion Wednesday night at a public meeting hosted by the council.

Though in its "very early stages," Pangelinan called the public meeting a step forward.

"We heard loud and clear last night that the people demands a timeline," he said.

However, a date for an established timeline could not yet be given, according to him.

Next year around March, a draft management plan for MTMN should be ready, according to both Susan White, National Wildlife Refuge Complex and National Marine Monuments superintendent for U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Heidi Hirsch, natural resource management specialist for NOAA's National Marine Monument program.

More public comments would be invited regionally again around that time, according to White.

As for the public meetings ongoing in the CNMI, Hirsch described them as "very successful."

She is encouraged that the "wheels are in motion" to finally provide a visitors center to the islands, noting the length of years it has taken to do so.

"Our goal was to invite [people] to the decision-making process and to know what their goals and desires are," she said.

One recommendation, noted both by Hirsch and Pangelinan in interviews, was one man's suggestion of moving forward incrementally, establishing an engineering design and seeking seed money, and moving on from there.

Last Wednesday's discussion was led by Pangelinan and John Parks, owner of Marine Management Solutions, with audience comments written on a bulletin, as well as sticky-notes being handed to participants to gather answers for questions like where the visitors center should be built, who should manage the center and how may it be funded.

House panel wants site change for marine park to just north of Hyatt

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The House Natural Resources Committee voted yesterday to relocate the proposed site for Sea Touch Saipan LLC's $1.125-million shark and stingray marine park project immediately north of the Saipan Hyatt Regency waters instead of by the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan, citing local fishermen's concerns, among other things.

Committee chair Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune*, however, that the panel has yet to finalize its report.

Benavente said the committee recommendation, which will be presented to the full House in the next session, will have the same size of proposed submerged lands to be leased.

But he said the lease amount would depend on the revenue generated, instead of the flat $12,000 lease a year as earlier proposed. Benavente said the recommendation is to have Sea Touch pay 2.5 percent of the revenue generated.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) told the committee of concerns from community members who use the waters near Fiesta Resort beach to fish and do other marine activities. Besides Tebuteb, the other committee members who voted to move the proposed project were Benavente and Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan). Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan) abstained.

"We're working with [the Department of Lands and Natural Resources] on this," Benavente added.

It's not known whether Sea Touch would agree to this proposed relocation of their project site.

Saipan Sea Touch plans to build temporary holding pens for the sharks and stingrays, and a floating walkway on the shallow waters fronting the hotel.

If approved by the Legislature, the lease would be for five years. The lease may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years, with each renewal term of up to five years.

During public hearings, members of the community supported the granting of the submerged land lease, which they believe will enhance tourism by providing a new tourist attraction, create new jobs and provide business opportunities.

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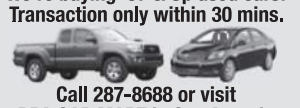
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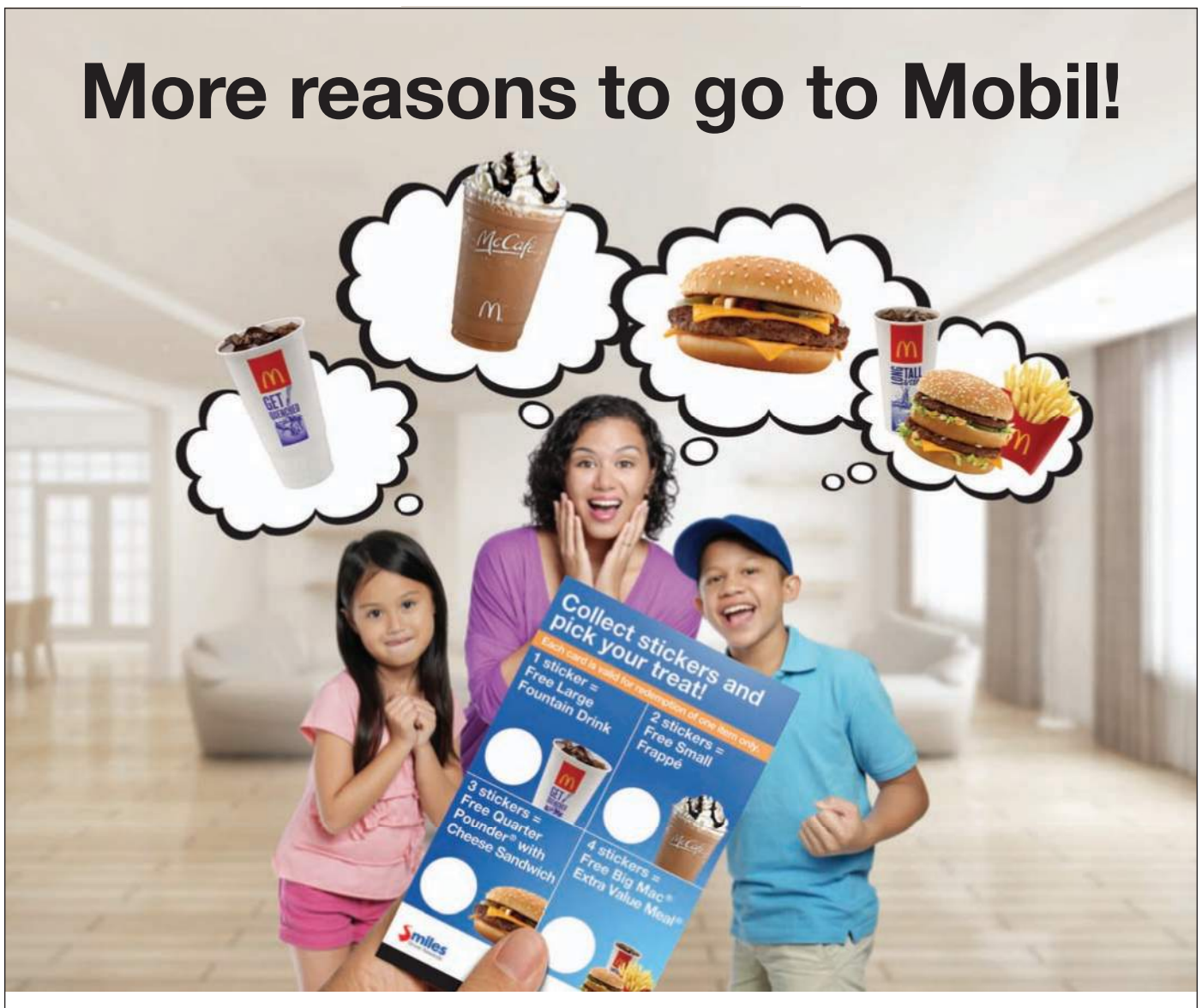
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Impact assessment on *Paul Russ* grounding ongoing

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Any possible environmental damage to the reef or marine life due to the *Paul Russ*' grounding last week has yet to be determined.

In an interview Wednesday morning, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality administrator Frank Rabauliman confirmed that while there will be a report on environmental impact, no updates could be given yet as assessment was still taking place in the waters that morning.

Lt. William White, public affairs officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam confirmed the ongoing assessment.

"The vessel's representative, the CNMI government, NOAA, and Fish and Wildlife are working together to conduct an assessment to determine impact to the reef and aquatic life," he said.

No date for the report has been given.

The cause of the *Paul Russ*' grounding, which occurred last Tuesday morning, has not been determined either, as the investigation is still ongoing, according to White.

Paul Russ was successfully towed out of the reef by tugboats belonging to its representatives last week Thursday night, with no reported damage to hull or possible oil leaks.

Discovery of unexploded ordnance near the vessel forced the port to close for about a day last Wednesday.

Saipan delegation panel tasked to review casino commish nominees

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Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) has referred to the delegation's Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee the review and recommendation whether to approve or reject three of Gov. Eloy S. Inos' nominees to the regulatory Casino Commission. This comes over a month since the Lottery Commission granted Best Sunshine International Ltd. an exclusive license to develop $3.14-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

The JGO Committee is chaired by Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

The nominees are former Marianas Public Land Trust board trustee Alvaro A. Santos, former representative Joseph C. Reyes, and businessman Juan M. Sablan.

In a Sept. 17 memo, Tebuteb gave the delegation committee 30 days to submit its recommendation.

Leon Guerrero said yesterday his committee will work on this task within the timeframe provided. He said they plan on conducting a public hearing on these nominations as early as next week.

During the Sept. 16 delegation session, a request to the delegation was offered in a motion to call for a public hearing on the nominations. There was also a request for the nominees to appear before the delegation.

"I respectfully request your committee to meet and discuss the manner in which to address this matter," Tebuteb told Leon Guerrero.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) had wanted the delegation to vote on the three nominations during Tuesday's session, to no avail.

Tebuteb said the nominees representing Saipan will face careful scrutiny from the committee and the delegation as a whole to ensure that their qualifications and background comply with the casino law.

The governor reappointed former board trustee Alvaro A. Santos on Aug. 15. Santos previously served as Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief financial officer. Inos withdrew Santos' previous appointment when it became apparent that the Saipan legislative delegation couldn't act on the nomination within the required 90-day period. Tebuteb said it must be noted that the Senate once rejected Santos' reappointment to the MPLT board over financial and policy decision issues.

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authority to manage and dispose of public lands in the CNMI, which necessarily includes Managaha Island.

The same 2006 legal opinion states that Public Law 13-16, which makes a one-time appropriation of Managaha landing fees for the Marianas Visitors Authority to revitalize the tourism industry, is also unconstitutional.

Tebuteb, in an interview, said permits and fees to go on Goat Island are kept and spent by the Tinian municipality and not DPL.

"So why can't Managaha landing fees be appropriated by the Saipan delegation? These are not land leases that DPL gets to manage but these are fees paid by tourists and not by the lessee for Managaha," Tebuteb said.

As of yesterday, it is not known whether DPL faces any sanction for not complying with a local law, whereas DPL or the Executive Branch's planned certified question—as advised by OAG—has yet to reach the court.

Besides those owed land compensation payments on Saipan, other intended beneficiaries of Saipan Local Law 18-19 were the NMI Museum of History and Culture and the Northern Marianas Descent Corp., which were supposed to get $100,000 each by mid-October.

DPL, in a statement, said OAG advised the department that making payments from the Managaha landing and user fees pursuant to SLL 18-19 "would be an unconstitutional act."

"To resolve the issue, DPL and the Legislature are cooperating in seeking to submit a certified question to the Supreme Court concerning the constitutionality of SLL 18-19," DPL said.

DPL said the question revolves around whether the Managaha landing and user fees are revenues generated from the management and disposition of public lands, which DPL is constitutionally required to remit to the Marianas Public Land Trust, or whether the Legislature may appropriate such funds.

The issue is also currently pending on a motion before the Superior Court in *Commonwealth v. Lot No. 353 New G*, Civil Action No. 97-0266. In that civil case, the court appointed Tebuteb as administrator.

DPL said yesterday that if the courts opine that SLL 18-19 is constitutional, "DPL will proceed to make payments to land claimants within the Third Senatorial District equally by percentage pursuant to SLL 18-19."

"If the courts rule that SLL 18-19 is unconstitutional, however, the Legislature will need to appropriate payments to land claimants from the general fund or other sources not prohibited by the NMI Constitution," DPL said.

The Executive Branch, through the advice of OAG, plans to submit a certified question to the court.

But two opposing parties have to agree before submitting such certified question to the court. In this case, the other party is the Saipan delegation while the other is the governor or the Executive Branch, or DPL or OAG.

As chairman of the Saipan delegation, Tebuteb said he has to get the consensus of Saipan lawmakers who voted to pass the local bill, believing that appropriating Managaha landing fees for land compensation, among other things, does not violate the Constitution.

"Do we really need a certified question? Do we really need to go to court to enforce the law? After winning their cases in the courts, do we need to insult our people further by making them wait for the court to take up this issue of how to pay for the judgments?" Tebuteb said in a statement later in the day.

He made it "crystal clear" that he does not want this matter tied up in the courts.

"But if DPL does not want to release the funds and the administration does not want to follow a law that it enacted, then of course I will do whatever I can to expedite a certified question. But this is a last resort," he said.

Tebuteb also questioned whether DPL is trying to personalize the issue by bringing up certain court cases.

"I hope not. This case is not about me. There are many families that are being adversely affected by the administration's refusal to follow the law. My family is just one of many. Let's keep in mind where these judgments came from in the first place. The courts. People won their cases in the court and these are legitimate debts. It is shameful that DPL and the administration would seek to use the courts to delay the rightful distribution of judgments even further," he said.

To reiterate his point, Tebuteb said the Legislature's position is that the Managaha fees are totally different from regular DPL public land lease revenue.

Managaha visitors do not lease or rent Managaha for $5 a day, he said.

"If they did, then DPL would have a valid claim and MPLT should be demanding back payments with interest. However, the landing fee that is charged to visitors is like a temporary license fee or the cost of admission, like the parking fee at the airport. You are paying to enter public property and enjoy certain services, you are not paying to own or possess it. It is that simple," he said.

Tebuteb added that he personally wonders if OAG is "trying to avoid enforcing the law."

"If they had issues with the law, they could have advised the governor of these concerns and if he agreed, he could have simply vetoed the bill. Going to the courts will delay the matter and that seems to be what they want. I was hoping to avoid it but I cannot force DPL and the AG's Office to follow the law," he added.

The local bill that became SLL 18-19 was authored by Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan). He said once DPL distributes the $800,000 payments to landowners, he would introduce another local bill that appropriates $2 million in Managaha landing fee also to compensate landowners whose Saipan properties were used by the government for public roads, wetlands, and ponding basins.

Talk with neighbor ends in alleged domestic violence

A man allegedly pushed his girlfriend and poked her face with his finger when he found her outside their house talking to their neighbor in Dandan early Wednesday morning.

Michael Lee Borja, 35, was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $5,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 25 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Borja.

Police detective Flora Danica B. Aguon stated in her report that a police officer was dispatched Wednesday at 2:52am to a residence in Dandan where a domestic violence was reported.

Aguon said the victim met the officer outside the house.

Borja came out of the house during the officer's interview with the girlfriend, prompting the officer to handcuff him for safety purposes.

The girlfriend alleged that Borja pushed her twice, causing her to fall to the floor. Borja repeatedly asked her what she was doing outside the house and then poked her face with his finger.

She said she pushed him back, ran outside the house, and called the police. The report did not mention whether the neighbor is male or female. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

The Shack giving away United Nesia tickets

The Shack Saipan is giving their customers a chance to win tickets to one of the biggest concerts of the year, United Nesia's Spawnbreezie Concert. All customers will receive an entry with every $5 purchase at The Shack. The drawing will be held on Sept. 30 and a total of two winners will be selected. Each winner will be receive two tickets.

"We had so much fun giving out goodies to our customers in last month's anniversary raffle and so we decided to hold another one," said Svetlana Hunter, owner of The Shack. "We are hoping to have Spawnbreezie personally hand over the tickets to the winners here at The Shack."

The United Nesia Concert is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa beachfront. ***(PR)***

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Castro, meanwhile, filed his candidacy at around 1pm yesterday. Besides being a former Fire Division chief, Castro is also a retired U.S. Army officer and a former teacher in the CNMI and Guam.

Igisomar, currently the Lottery Commission chairman, was the last one to file, around 1:30pm yesterday, flanked by his family, campaign chair Daniel S. Camacho, supporters and fellow Republicans.

"I humbly ask for people's vote of confidence and support," Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said his goal is to work harder to contribute more to the CNMI's economic sustainability, stability, and expansion, to be able to address the islands' growing financial obligations, including those related to the retirement system.

Igisomar reiterated his gratefulness to the Republican Party for their support. He also urged voters to look into each candidate's qualifications carefully. If and when elected to the Senate, he vowed to work closely with the Senate and House of Representatives members, along with the Executive Branch, as well as to the people.

Election Commission's Guerrero said the initial plan was to hold a special election commission board meeting this Saturday to certify the candidacies for the special election.

But because there won't be a quorum as most of the members are outside the CNMI, it is likely that the candidates will be "certified by default" by Sept. 22 unless the commission finds any of the three candidates unqualified to run in the special election.

Guerrero said as of yesterday, the commission reviewed Rios' qualifications and he meets the criteria. Because the two others filed their petitions yesterday, the commission would be able to complete the review of their qualifications by today.

The election commission chief added that they expect the 20,000 ballots for the Nov. 4 general elections to arrive on Saipan this weekend. There are nearly 18,000 registered voters for the general polls.

He said the ballots for the special election will be printed locally. For the special election, they printed 17,000 ballots, for some 15,000 Saipan voters.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos declared a special election for Nov. 4, coinciding with the general elections, to help save the government nearly $100,000 by holding them on the same date.

The CNMI may also be headed for a gubernatorial runoff race in November, if not one of the four gubernatorial teams get at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast in the general elections.

EPA: 'Pipeline leaks'; CUC: 'No, it does not'

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s oil pipeline is degraded and experiences leaks. CUC denies it is leaking but suggests that it stop using the pipeline.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter, from Santa Ana, California, is scheduled to inspect the pipeline and other CUC projects and facilities tomorrow, Saturday.

Carter recently expressed "deep concerns" over the delay in the construction of the oil pipeline. He pointed out that the pipeline construction has only, at most, preliminarily started. The original deadline to build the new pipeline was in February 2011.

» Original deadline to build pipeline was February 2011

EPA, through the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section senior attorney Bradley R. O'Brien, and CUC, through its counsel James S. Sirok, have filed in federal court a joint report on the progress of certain CUC projects. The CNMI government, through attorney general-nominee Gilbert J. Birnbrich, also signed the joint report.

» With termination of contractor, CUC in the process of hiring new one; suggests stop using pipeline

On the pipeline project, EPA's position is that the construction is stalled and that CUC is again failing to meet the federal court's stipulated order No. 2 deadlines.

Stipulated order No. 2 focuses on oil issues such as repairing and replacing infrastructure, managing and replacing tanks and pipelines, and spill prevention and response.

O'Brien said the pipeline construction is critical as the old pipeline is poorly maintained and degraded, experiences leaks, and is no longer safe to operate at pressure.

O'Brien said that at the July hearing, CUC told the court and EPA that Smithbridge Guam Inc., (the now terminated construction contractor of the pipeline project) may not be capable of building the pipeline.

O'Brien said Vanderpool Pipeline Engineers Inc., the pipeline designer and third party construction manager, also explained to the court that Smithbridge should be replaced due to lack of competency and poor work quality.

On Aug. 1, 2014, EPA demanded that Smithbridge replace ineffective personnel with competent pipeline supervision, construction, and welding personnel.

On Aug. 29, 2014, CUC issued a notice of default and termination to Smithbridge. That same day, EPA received notice that CUC requested Vanderpool Pipeline Engineers to demobilize from Saipan.

This means that CUC must start over with a new hiring/procurement process with the length of that process unknown, and potential funding issues, O'Brien said.

The U.S., he added, is concerned about additional delays.

CUC's position is that the pipeline is not leaking but, to prevent the possibility of it leaking, Sirok said the best option may be to stop using the pipeline and begin trucking fuel.

"This option has not been put into operation but is being seriously considered," Sirok said.

He said Smithbridge has already been notified that its contract is terminated based on defaults in performance and its failure to comply with CUC and EPA directives to replace certain positions with qualified and competent personnel.

Sirok said CUC is in the process of demobilizing and securing the project site and of procuring a new contractor to complete the project.

"At this time there is no estimate on the time it will take to bring a new contractor to the pipeline project site and continue with the construction of the pipeline," he said.

Sirok conceded that the project has experienced numerous delays in the past but he blamed the recent ones on the inability of Smithbridge to perform up to EPA's and Vanderpool's standards.

Smithbridge, through its counsel Mark B. Hanson, has filed a contract dispute with CUC over the contract's termination, saying it is unwarranted and illegal.

Sirok said that by declaring the contractor to be in default and terminating the contract, CUC is proceeding in the appropriate manner needed to ensure that the pipeline is being built in accordance with the standards required under the project's design and approved construction plans.

Sirok added that CUC is also proceeding in accordance with the concerns of EPA and Vanderpool.

The oil pipeline is an 8-inch aboveground receiving pipeline that delivers diesel fuel from the Mobil oil facility in Lower Base to CUC Power Plants 1 and 2.

The pipeline project was initiated in 2010 at a cost of $1.8 million. Due to numerous problems that contributed to the project's delay, the cost ballooned to $6 million this year.

The federal court signed stipulated orders for CUC in 2009, setting the requirements and deadlines for the utilities agency to meet. The orders represent an agreement between the CNMI and the EPA on how CUC will come into compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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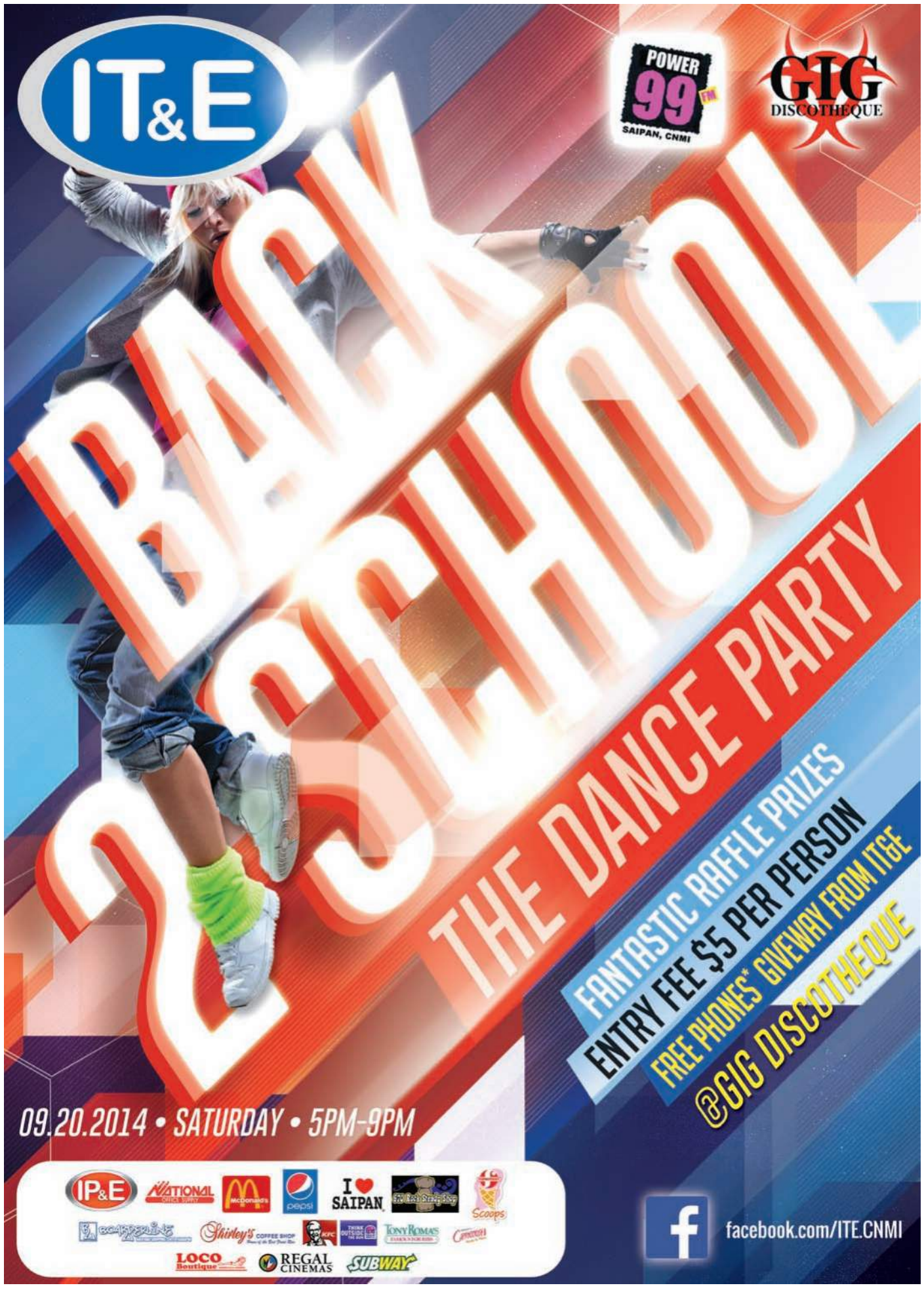

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Probable cause has been found to file charges against a 21-year-old man who broke into a neighbor's house in China Town and rubbed the thighs and buttocks of a 16-year-old girl.

At a preliminary hearing Tuesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause to believe that burglary, sexual assault in the second degree, and disturbing the peace were committed and that Kimo Einat William may have committed the offenses.

In a written order Wednesday, Camacho said he heard the testimony of the witness and found that assault and battery is merged into the sexual assault in the second degree.

He said there's no probable cause for assault and battery and therefore this charge is dismissed.

William will be arraigned on Monday, Sept. 22.

Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for William.

Police detective Simon T. Manacop stated in his report that a burglary disturbance at a house in China Town was reported to the Department of Public Safety last Sunday at 4:14am, and that two police officers responded.

Manacop said the victim's father told the responding officers that someone entered his daughter's room and touched her legs while she was asleep.

When one officer met with the girl, she was crying and appeared nervous.

Preliminary investigation showed that the teenager was asleep in her bedroom when she felt someone rubbing her left thigh toward her buttocks.

When the girl opened her eyes, she saw a man sitting beside her and recognized him as William, who stays across the street from their house.

When the girl screamed, William covered her mouth with his hand. Her scream, however, woke her grandmother, who then opened the door to her room. William ran toward the balcony, jumped, and then ran toward the jungle beside the house.

The girl said that William had no shirt on and was wearing only a pair of dark short pants.

Later that morning, police officers went to William's house and found him sleeping in an outside patio of the residence. Police arrested him.

During his interview with police, William reportedly admitted sneaking into the girl's room and touching her legs as she was asleep.

Manacop said the suspect claimed he was only supposed to "spy on the girl." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

BTS remains sent to Guam; setup concludes

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The brown tree snake caught on Rota on Sep. 3 has been shipped to Guam for necropsy, with no results reported yet as of yesterday, according to U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Manny Igisomar, coordinator and biologist of the CNMI Brown Treesnake Program.

"The snake was shipped to Guam…so biologists [at the U.S. Geological Survey] could figure out what the stomach contents are. Maybe to give us a better idea of how old the snake is and what it has been eating," he said.

This information could give insight into how long the snake has been on Rota, as according to him, it can be determined whether the snake "has been eating stuff from Rota versus a starving snake that may have just gotten off the boat.

Meanwhile, yesterday concluded the deployment of the additional 200 traps sent to Rota in the efforts to gauge whether the BTS was a lone snake or from a population on island, according to Igisomar.

There are now 40 traps set at Rota's airport and 206 at its seaport and surrounding areas, according Igisomar.

He said the setup phase of operations concluded with yesterday's deployment of all 40 traps.

In an interview with Manny Pangelinan, acting secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, he said traps were "strategically set" on recommendation from U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

He said that monitoring, trapping, and surveillance to ensure the brown tree snake was the lone one on Rota involved the joint efforts of USGS, USFW, the CNMI's Division of Fish and Wildlife, as well as Rota's Mayor Office and their DLNR office.

"Our target is to determine with high certainty that there is no other BTS there. If it takes us three months, we will continue to do three months of monitoring, trapping, and surveillance," he said.

He said there is "always a chance" that operation may be expanded; however he noted focus has been on setting up traps.

The snake was discovered on Sept. 3 by DFW's BTS K-9 handler Shewln Cabrera with the help of Robert Ulloa of CNMI-DLNR, according to Adam Knox, USGS' Rapid Response Team coordinator.

"The snake was found at the Rota Seaport, suggesting that it may have come in on a private or commercial seagoing vessel, but we are looking into all potential modes of incursion," he said.

He said that night searches with high-powered lamps are being done from 6pm to 10pm by rapid response searchers and biologists.

He described brown tree snakes as "cryptic," nocturnal, and difficult to see, which adds to the challenge of finding them, but noted that the trapping and search methods being deployed have been developed over years of research and use in Guam.

Over time probability estimates will be prepared on whether there is a snake on Rota, according Knox.

"A large response to the Rota snake is warranted to help prevent the establishment of snakes and the repeat of the ecological disaster [in] Guam," he said.

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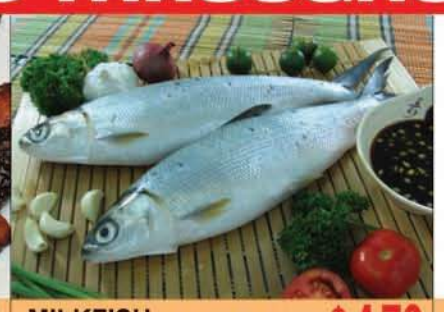

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Vote 'yes' to HLI 18-12 for repairs, renovation, modernization of public schools

As the Public School System continues to search for new and improved ways of meeting the need of student and classroom learning, it is also challenged in securing for resources needed for the repair, renovation, and modernization of its facilities.

Spread throughout Saipan, Tinian and Rota, the PSS has a total of 19 campuses that were built between the late 1940s and, with the most recent, in 2002. This indicates that these facilities are between 12 and 68 years old— a state that the federal government considered obsolete or are threatened with disrepair unless immediate upkeep and renovations are initiated.

One of the primary intent of House Legislative Initiative 18-12 is to ensure proper maintenance, repair, and renovation of the school district's campuses and facilities. From buildings to classrooms, cafeterias to libraries, and offices, among others, these facilities are used daily of the Commonwealth's more than 10,000 students and close to a thousand staff and personnel.

The overall intent of H.L.I. 18-12 is to increase the 29-year-old constitutional funding level of 15 percent to 25 percent.

And yet maintenance problems have become a continued struggle for decades now. As revealed by a federal assessment, its "deferred maintenance"—postponement measure of repairs and renovation—add up to a costly and complex problem of maintaining the structural integrity of all public school facilities in the CNMI. Further delaying any plans exposes public school students, staff and personnel, and the community to safety and security danger.

With H.L.I. 18-12, PSS would be able to sustain its periodic and regular maintenance of its facilities.

H.L.I. 18-12 will be on the ballot this November and public education leaders, supporters, and advocates are urging community's support.

"Our continued investment in public education includes the safety of our stakeholders and one important and critical aspect is ensuring the structural integrity and soundness of our facilities," Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan explained.

"In other words, our ongoing work to repair and rehabilitate our school buildings depend largely with the availability of [guaranteed] funding to sustain our work," Sablan added.

Throughout the years, PSS' funding level hovers between 18 to 24 percent of government sources for appropriation, a strong indicator that the current 15 percent no longer matches today's cost of delivering public education.

'Absorbed cost'

A December 2013 Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms or the ABC initiative-report released the Office of Insular Affairs revealed that the PSS has absorbed an estimated of $11.3 million worth of deferred maintenance.

"[These are] for PSS facilities' repairs and renovations that were put on hold, repairs that are neglected and preventative maintenance that continually been ignored due to lack of funding," OIA said of its findings.

OIA has commissioned the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct the assessment of the PSS' classrooms and facilities, along with other school districts within the insular area.

"Further delay of the plan adds up to a costly and complex problem of maintaining the structural integrity of [your] school facilities," the federal findings further revealed.

The federal agency's findings were further bolstered by one of the conclusions of AdvancED's accreditation report. Although PSS received high marks in three areas, the global accreditation giant recommended that the school district "must work toward improving" two areas of quality standards: resources and support system and using results for continuous improvement.

AdvancED's North Central Association-Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement disclosed that PSS must do something to improve the resources and provide for services in all schools to support its purpose and direction.

These resources ranged from maintaining facilities, services, and equipment to provide for a safe, clean and healthy environment for all students and staff.

In the last 14 years, the school district has struggled with its commitment to keep the balance between its focus of student learning and success and the growing cost of public education.

"We are thankful for the support that we continuously receive from our elected leaders as we go about our plans and initiatives in ensuring that we have uninterrupted delivery of public education to the children of this Commonwealth," the education chief noted.

The most-recent building construction for the PSS were the five public schools that were built by the turn of the 21st century: Kagman Elementary School (2000), Sinapalo Elementary School (2001) and Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Saipan Southern High School and Kagman High School in 2002.

William S. Reyes Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High School were built in the 1940s; GTC Elementary School, Tinian Elementary School and Oleai Elementary School were built in the 1950s. In the 1960s, four schools were constructed: Garapan Elementary School, Tanapag Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School (now middle school), and Marianas High School.

By the 1970s, San Vicente Elementary School was built.

Between 1980s and 1990s, four schools were added by PSS. They are Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School, Koblerville Elementary School, Tinian Jr. Sr. High School, and Dandan Elementary School (now middle school).

However, since 2000 there were no new buildings or facilities that were newly built except for basic repairs and safety maintenance and renovation that have periodically been implemented. But recently, due to the dwindling of government resources, these initiatives have been threatened with delay. ***(PSS)***

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Ebola in Africa: Chaos in contagious

Faced with a brutal and wily adversary, President Barack Obama on Tuesday ordered a scaled-up military assault. Not on terrorists in Syria, but Ebola in West Africa.

The president dispatched some 3,000 American troops to help build 17 treatment centers. The Pentagon will establish a military command center in Liberia to coordinate the civilian response to the epidemic. American military health experts will help train thousands of African health care workers. American aid workers will help distribute supplies and information to families there.

The U.S.—and, we hope, the rest of the world—is getting serious about confronting this plague blazing through Africa. The official Ebola toll as of late Tuesday: 4,985 cases and 2,461 deaths. Some experts, however, suspect the actual death tally is much higher. And the rate of Ebola infection is growing exponentially. The number of Ebola cases could spike to 20,000 in a matter of months.

Ebola "is spiraling out of control," Obama said in a speech at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's more than a humanitarian crisis. It's "a potential threat to global security," Obama said.

In other words, chaos is contagious. As Ebola spreads, it disrupts everything—transportation, commerce, government services, security. It is not hard to imagine how that instability could be exploited by jihadists or others intent on stirring trouble. That doesn't stop in West Africa. When chaos spreads, no country is immune.

This epidemic hasn't directly threatened the U.S. yet and may not. But as University of Minnesota infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm wrote in a recent New York Times op-ed, that is not a reason for complacency.

Virologists are "loath to discuss openly but are definitely considering in private" a frightening possibility, Osterholm wrote. Ebola could mutate to become transmissible through the air. In other words, a virus now spread through direct contact with bodily fluids could go airborne and spread much farther, faster. Just breathing around an Ebola victim would be hazardous.

Ebola is now killing about half its victims. It is encouraging that drug companies are speeding vaccines and potential cures into the field. This isn't the typical lengthy, deliberate process, but an urgent response to an urgent need.

The world's largest donors and organizations need the same urgency. They have pledged millions to combat Ebola but have been slow to deliver the checks, The Wall Street Journal reports. Contributions are still falling short of the $600 million the United Nations estimates will be needed for hospital beds and other supplies to slow this juggernaut. And people are dying.

Africa—and the rest of the world—can't wait for new miracle drugs or a vaccine. Ebola is on the rampage. It can be defeated. It has been before. This time, however, it will take a massive and urgent worldwide effort, starting now.

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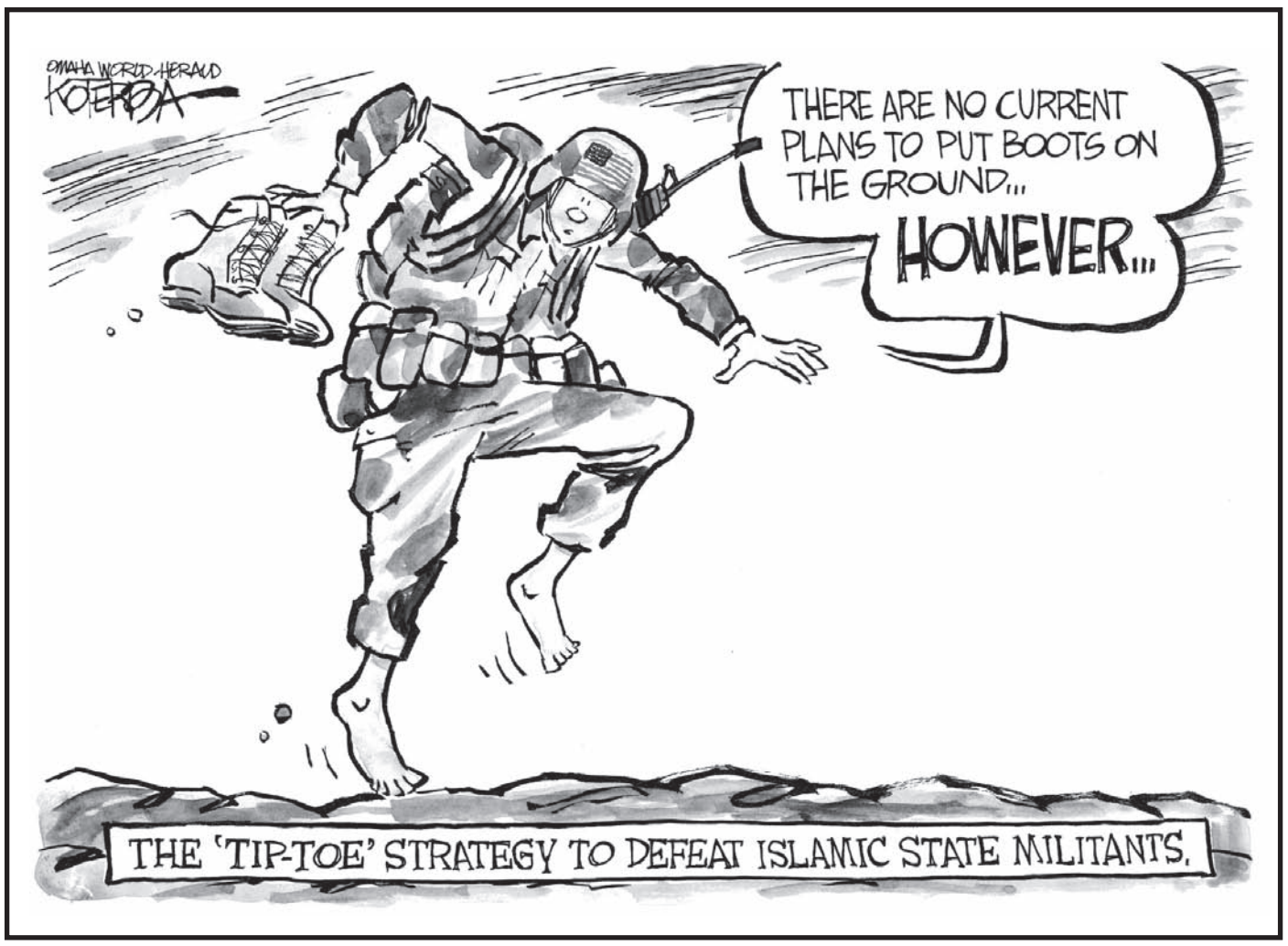
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bennett's big mouth

First things first. Ambrose Bennett is a racist! Second, for someone as educated as you are, did you ever do any research for anything you've written like maybe a book report or a term paper when you were going to school? Have you ever met Willie Tan or any member of his family? I doubt it.

I wanna start off with my "racist" comment. As an African-American, your people have suffered great indignities over the years as being slaves, fodder for white bigots, etc. I really find it sad that an educated man, as you claim to be, would resort to ranting and raving about Willie Tan giving birth to a "great Chinese financial monster"! Poor Willie. I can only imagine the pains he suffered while in labor.

You are giving credence to the fact that black people are the biggest racists of all! You claim you were informed that Willie owns majority shares of Herman's and Joeten. Let me ask who informed you? Another Chinese? Or maybe a disgruntled local who owes Willie money or who did not get a loan from him? Are you aware that the Bill of Rights gives anyone accused of any wrongdoing a "right to face his accuser"? Who are you talking about? I hope Willie sues you.

Did you ever think of becoming a fiction writer, or novelist? Hell, let's call James Patterson and ask if you could co-author another Alex Cross story.

You are not only a racist but you are a liar as well. Consider my suggestion and become a writer of fiction because that's all that your letter is—a work of fiction. As the PIO for the Democratic Party, why not talk of your candidates' contributions to the community or what their platform is for rescuing the CNMI. I can also tell you facts about your candidates that would make you blush but I don't operate like you. If I did, I would tell you to ask how Doug Montgomery is doing. Actually, you give Democracts a bad name.

How about some facts?

Fact No. 1: Willie Tan, or Tan Holdings, currently or in the past, has never held a single share of Herman's or Joeten's. Never has and probably never will.

Fact No. 2: Willie, or the "great Chinese financial monster" that you call it (sorry, milk came out of my nose while laughing at this accusation), is more local than you'll ever be. Yeah, you married a nice local lady and have kids that any parent would be proud of, but you're not local. You weren't born or raised in the Mariana Islands, including Guam.

Now I can't speak for any other members of the Tan family but I know for a "fact" that both Willie and his brother Jerry were raised in Guam, went to and graduated at local public high schools, not private schools.

Willie went to George Washington High School and Jerry went to JFK. They both graduated with honors. They both went on and graduated with honors from the University of Guam. That sounds kinda local, right?

Another thing you might find interesting is that they're U.S. citizens. Blue passport and all.

Fact No. 3: With the exception of buying a couple of hotels that were going under to begin with, Willie Tan, or Tan Holdings, started most of all the businesses under the umbrella of Tan Holdings group of companies.

I know for a fact that Century Group, which consists of Century Insurance and Century Travel, were built from the ground up. Century Insurance was the only locally owned insurance company while the bulk of the other insurance companies are "brokers," which means that they sell insurance from other insurance companies. Century Insurance had the bulk of other insurance companies working as brokers for them.

I also think you should do a little research on all the businesses under the L&T group of companies.

I could go on and on but the bottom line is this: the Tan Holdings group of companies have contributed more to this community than any other company or individual. Including you.

They have a special foundation where they donate hundreds of thousands of dollars toward education and charity organizations.

I could give the history of Tan Holdings group of companies but it would take up too much room in the paper that they'd have to publish it in at least three issues.

You make yourself out to be a soothsayer who has predicted everything bad that has ever happened, like you're some kind of "oracle" from Greek mythology.

You talk about business when your own failed, miserably.

And how dare you talk about our current governor the way you do. He didn't ask for this job. It was forced down his throat because of the real villain, Ben Fitial. Eloy inos is one of the most honest, sincere and hardworking man I know! He's cleaning up Fitial's mess while being sick. Having dialysis treatments several times a week! And still makes time to take care of business. And the only reason he's running is because he is not a quitter. When he starts something, he makes sure he finishes it to the best of his abilities.

If your actions and rantings and ravings are any indication of the way you taught your students, God help us! It seems the only time you write is to insult, accuse, bad-mouth, etc. It's like you have this disease or psychological condition to just say the first negative thing you can think of just to see your name in the paper.

And in regards to Willie, dude, you don't even know Willie Tan. You've never had the privilege or the honor of meeting him. Plus, you are not even a fraction of the type of man he is. When he does things, like helping most of the people he has, he never wants the

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Have kimchi, will travel

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Kimchi needs no introduction to Saipan residents. You know what it is. In fact, I'm sure a few of you had it with lunch today. So we'll direct our gaze elsewhere, whereupon we'll note that kimchi is said to be the national dish of Korea. As for the U.S. mainland, I doubt that most Americans have tried it, but it has a dedicated following in some cosmopolitan areas and this is sure to grow.

Despite the fact that my palate is as bland as my personality, kimchi is one of my favorite foods. My wife likes it, too, which makes things easy around here.

I'm not sophisticated in the food realm, and, in fact, I'd be the last guy to ever ask about it. By contrast, one credible voice in the field is *bon appetit* magazine, which has been a heavy hitter in U.S. as long as I remember. It has a circulation of over 1.5 million.

Looking at its website (bonappetit.com), I note that kimchi has been mentioned at least six times this year in various recipes and articles. So, with the gastronomic cognoscenti, kimchi is an accepted player.

In fact, a July write-up on the site featured eight top brands of U.S.-made kimchi.

Two such brands that I remember having in the mainland are Bing Gre Kimchi Pride, which is from New York, and Cosmos Nappa Cabbage Kimchi, which is from California. People on Saipan will already have preferences for kimchi brands, but if you're reading from the mainland and want to try some kimchi, I think the *bon appetit* site is a good resource.

I have found that kimchi brands vary widely in taste. Some are bland. Some are mildly spicy. Some are very spicy. And some are spicy and tangy and downright lively, which, for some reason, really clicks with me.

What's in it? This varies as well. But here are the ingredients from a Cosmos label: nappa cabbage, radish, red pepper, garlic, ginger, salt, onion, sugar, beef bone extract, fish sauce (anchovy extract, water, salt, sugar), water, monosodium glutamate.

A two-oz. serving has only 15 calories and has no fat. Well, so far, so good, but it does have 340 mg of sodium, which can add up if you really load up on eating kimchi (as I do sometimes).

The Cosmos label says it's naturally fermented. This is true to the origins of kimchi, which has been fermented since old-school times. Back in the day, it was buried in clay vessels for the fermentation process. I've seen such vessels on Saipan, but whether they were for actual kimchi-making, or just for decoration, I don't know.

However, I don't think that everything labeled as kimchi these days is necessarily fermented, thus proving that you can't take anything for granted.

People who are knowledgeable about healthy foods and practices have told me that the fermentation makes kimchi a "probiotic" food that has beneficial bacteria and is therefore good for you.

We all know the term "antibiotic" for stuff that kills bacteria. "Probiotic" is the opposite. Although we usually consider bacteria to be nasty, even deadly, germs that we want to get rid of, our bodies also harbor beneficial bacteria that we need to survive. Isn't it weird how nature often holds two seeming opposites that are also sort of the same thing? The opposites seem more like complements if you look at things a certain way. Go figure.

Anyway, back to the kimchi gig, is the health angle worth heeding? Maybe so. Here's a little anecdote that I'll share, which is why I decided to write about kimchi today:

During a recent trip I was at the total mercy of mass-market restaurant fare in the U.S. The trip dragged on and on. The unhealthy food dragged on and on.

And me? I just dragged.

It occurred to me that a bit of kimchi would be a welcome change of pace. I wasn't thinking about health, I was just thinking about something fun to eat.

Although I was in the semi-hinterlands I was finally able to find an Asian store. It was small Chinese market, but well-stocked. It carried some Korean kimchi. After buying the kimchi and digging into it, the next day my energy was back to normal. I felt great.

Of course, this doesn't prove that the kimchi revivified me. But I think it did.

By contrast, I also think that the standard American road-warrior technique of drinking orange juice and popping vitamins never paid off over all the decades I tried it.

So I'm trimming my sails accordingly.

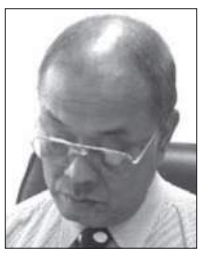
If you've got any observations along these lines, I welcome, as always, email via my website.

In summary, kimchi is more than a mere side dish. It has a distinguished heritage and it's gathering even more respect in modern times.

It should matter to all!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



It matters to me the simple lives of folks in this archipelago, the resiliency of our ancestors perpetuating our peoplehood through shifts in colonial powers, the sheer beauty of these isles; the corrupt disposition of major policy matters ignoring "we the people"; the deteriorating health of the indigenous folks; and the uncertainty of our future amidst persistent fiscal crisis and how it would make it harder for the simple folks to increase their quality of life.

It matters to me the quality of instructions in our public schools, progress at NMC; increase in various forms of cancer among young people; increase in dialysis and heart patients; gradual loss of cultural traditions; the economy tanking to an all-time low; future of renewable energy that would reduce power rates politicians have missed by oceans apart; how much more would health premiums increase; and what lies ahead in the Nov. 4 general elections.

These are some issues that have engaged my attention, kept my mind awake even at night. Or allow pausing for a minute or so, enjoy some moments of graceful laughter or something or other. Some issues needed research or reading up mega-analysis or concepts to secure clarity of understanding or probe where global investments go that skipped these isles from nearby countries. What have we done wrong? Are we aware of our egregious misgivings and have we reset our buttons?

I could have entered politics given its capacity to mold policies that enhance the livelihood of the multitude. But I opted to guard the uneven turf of this venue where the unruly or those who have lost their true north plunder the livelihood of the multitude. It matters to me that issues are presented so readers could draw their own conclusions. In the end it undoubtedly commanded use of my pen to present a viewpoint. No regrets!

Ungrateful: Recalled in the early '70s the first PanAm flight from Tokyo with just over 200 Japanese visitors. It comprised friends who lived here before World War II. Many of them kissed the tarmac upon setting foot for the first time since repatriation prior to the hostilities.

This was "home" for many of them who were born and lived on the islands alongside our very own. It is indelibly embedded in their minds. There were tears of joy! It was through these ambassadors that the Land of the Rising Sun pioneered tourism here. Why the adolescent attitude to now trash investments from the Land of the Rising Sun? What a bunch of dimwits!

Doomed! I'm reminded of days in recent past when JAL would arrive in the afternoon and leave in the evening. Those were the boom years. JAL and other major Japanese investments have taken to the jet ways. It has stopped flying, including Continental Airlines! Didn't know we have the special ability to roll out the carpet of doomsday. Well, here we are, struggling in the filthy swamp of economic dystopia—where nothing works—quizzing what went wrong. It must be self-denial in perpetuity!

Economy: We once had a bustling and thriving economy with an annual budget of $256 million that's now reduced to $135 million. The shift is hard where we've basically turned into a ghost town. It would be very hard finding funds to pay for public services beyond the settlement fund and PSS. We owe CUC $23 million in utilities but can't find the money for it; CHC needs at least $42 million for operations, among other obligations. Troubling!

Infrastructure: It's the economic arteries and veins of major investments. It deals with roads, seaport, airport, power lines, and underground cables for communications that enable people, goods, commodities, water, energy and information to move about efficiently.

Without it, everything comes to a screeching halt, e.g., casino industry to which no land has yet been selected for such a development. Moreover, no matter where it is eventually situated, is there the requisite infrastructure to enable its construction and eventual operations?

As it is, it seems fashionable to place the horse before the cart in hopes the former finds its rightful place so things begin moving. It goes to show the lack of planning where due diligence is done to do justice to projects of such magnitude.

Oversight: Plans to conduct an oversight into the evolving Marpi land controversy would seem to be a bit premature. The lease isn't due for review until 2019. It should be clear too that the current legislature can't commit future legislatures on matters only it could dispose, e.g., 20th Legislature. Now, did DPL commit an infraction warranting an oversight? Nah! It makes it all the reason to hold back your horses before they take off the ranch.

Land comp: Before I left DPL, I submitted to the NMI Supreme Court a certified question on the use of "segregated funds" of the agency for land compensation. The court says it can't and basically upholds that after subtraction of "administrative cost," the balance is remitted to MPLT for investment. Pertinent constitutional provisions prohibit legislative appropriations of "segregated" funds, pure and simple!

Power bills: Politicians had 10 years to resolve the high power bills everybody's slammed with today. But most end up in the shallows of political immaturity like there's no tomorrow. Now they're struggling to find out how to answer voters who are saying, "Our power bills are even higher today." Sayu? While at it, did they lift a finger to resolve the 40-percent increase in health premium and $500 to $1,000 deductibles, the latter we pay at CHC when seeking medical attention?

Warped view: Legislators want the public to participate and know the entire nine yards on the planned use of Pagan. But they failed "we the people" on this score on the casino bill. If only they pull their heads out of the sand then and only then would they ably figure out "what's north." Voters are not ignorant of your shenanigans. We're lovin' it!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the support

This is an open letter to the close to 300 family, friends, neighbors, and complete strangers who signed my petition for candidacy to the special election Senate seat on such short notice, as well as all those who offered their support for me in one way or another. As you may have read, the GOP selected Mr. Sixto Igisomar over three other aspirants who had the same desire to represent the party. I gave my word prior to the voting process not to run had I not been chosen. I am keeping my word and with it the integrity of all those who offered their support. Your pleas for change and a better course for the future will not go unheeded. From the most sincere place in my heart I thank you for your belief in me. I will not forget this in the coming years.

Lastly, to all the candidates who have been chosen to represent their respective parties and constituencies I offer them all the best! *Si yu'os ma'ase, olomwaay reemi, maraming salamat po,* and thank you.

Steve Sablan
Oleai, Saipan

BENNETT'S

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glory or praise that most people do.

Let me give you an example, which I know Willie wouldn't like made public. I suffer from a disease for which there is no cure. It's a disease that affects my spinal cord and because of it, I've had to spend a lot of time in wheelchairs.

He saw me coming in on the same flight from Guam and I was using my own chair. He told the attendant pushing me to move and he would push me himself. While pushing me, he asked how I was doing and things of that nature and when we got to Customs, he and I said goodbye and that was it.

Three weeks later, I received an anonymous phone call telling me there was a package at the airport waiting for me. I went and got the package and inside was a brand new electric wheelchair—no note, nothing. I didn't find out who did it for almost a month. When I finally got a hold of him to thank him, he said it was nothing and to just take care and get healthy. Up to now, that's all he's concerned with. Me to get healthy.

I could go on and on but you're really not worth the time or effort.

Your problem, Bennett, is you continually let your mouth write checks that your ass can't cash.

Michael Geisinger
Dandan, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. North winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Thunderstorms	▲61	▼50
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼60
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
New York	Sunny	▲66	▼59
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲74	▼62
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼63
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲75	▼66
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼70
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲78	▼57
San Francisco	Showers	▲70	▼62
Seoul	Sunny	▲80	▼56
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼65
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼61

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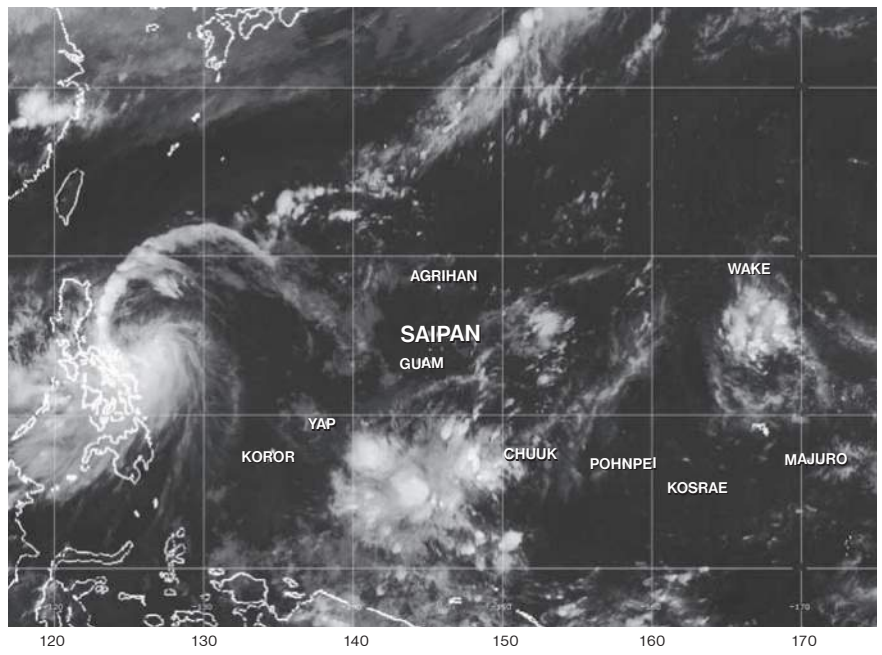

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough heads northeastward from EQ154E to 10N157E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of the Marianas between the equator and 10N from 141E to 151E. Another surface trough curves northwestward from 8N180 to end south of Wake Island at 18N167E. Isolated thunderstorms are found just south of Wake Island and over the northern Marshall Islands within 120 miles of a line from 18N167E to 11N171E to 11N179E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
11:28 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
6:28 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:14 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:14 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:13 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:51 AM	2:49 PM
Saturday	2:39 AM	3:30 PM
Sunday	3:27 AM	4:11 PM
Monday	4:14 AM	4:50 PM
Tuesday	5:01 AM	5:28 PM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
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UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
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UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Verifying the rumors

I mat not be the proper person to be concerned about LSG's business deal. It is rumored that in the beginning the company got a free land deal to put up their business to serve the different airlines with food in the CNMI. Also, they have no gross receipt tax, no requirement of what percent of local people they are to employ. I think we lost big time. Why? When we opened our islands to the garment factories we required them to lease privately owned land or to rent land from local owners. These businesses were required to have 15-percent local hire against their total foreign employees.

Now that many airline companies have gone away, LSG is allowed to serve our schools' breakfast or lunch. Why? To the department that handles land deals and licenses, wake up people! I thought that serving the CNMI schools is supposed to be done by local enterprises to allow our local people to earn income for themselves. Why is now LSG allowed to compete among our people?

Here is the damage or wrong thing. Our local catering businesses hire locals, pay gross receipt tax, and buy supplies from the businesses on our island. Take a look down south at our friendly and good people of Guam. Their departments did not allow LSG to compete against their local enterprises—period.

Yet you big department heads give and provide unfair privileges to outside businesses with no tax! How can we improve our economy? When we give and give, with no taking for us!

I love Best Sunshine coming to our islands to help out. Now I would like to open up your minds, my big department heads, by asking any incoming big businesses in the future to provide 15 to 20 percent local employees to work or train so one of these days our local workforce can stand up for ourselves.

Another thing I would ask Best Sunshine is if they can sell $500,000 worth of stocks to our local people. Show us that they really want to share a little of their business profit with us people. Why? I'll answer like this. If Saipan Shipping, DFS, Mobil, UMDA, Hafadai Hotel, plus maybe two or more companies share their profit in stock and it does not kill their pockets, I am betting they will be more than happy to help! Come on, people, think local, think for the economy of our islands. You are there in that position to help. So help.

P.S.: To Ambrosio Bennett: I would like to ask you a question. Are you going to keep your 25-percent retro income? Remember, you were adamant against Best Sunshine putting up the casino. The 25-percent retro is from Best Sunshine's casino license application. What a shameless person you are if you keep your 25- percent and its interest. I challenge you to refuse it. What a laugh you will give us locals if you touch it. But knowing the kind of person you are, go ahead take it, make our day!

Pedro "Pangie" DLG. Pangelinan
Finasisu, Saipan

No one is safe

I just wrote about how no one is safe from the politics of the present administration and the proof continues to pile up. First, it was the assault on the retirees to betray the people, then the assault of the Mariana Resort to betray a confidence in our government. Now there is an assault on cigarette smokers and MPLT to get money. I told voters we were next when it comes to being on the chopping block and, true to form, the administration has applied the ax to our incomes by placing more taxes on smokers and plans to take from MPLT.

It is just amazingly funny and sad that our Legislature and governor wants cigarette smokers to cover cost when all the tax hike does is deter cigarette smoking more than it increases income. They are fighting a good battle against smoking but expecting a big rise in income is going to be short-lived as smokers are only going to adapt and even stop from the cost increase. We need new sources of income! Stop bleeding citizens to death with taxes and increasing fees.

The governor also wants to rob MPLT's trust fund to pay the CUC debt, just like this administration did with the Retirement Fund. The trust fund is meant specifically for the local people to use, not to pay our government's debt—that's why it's a trust! He is also flirting with taking back the $10 million already promised by Best Sunshine to pay the debt. It really didn't do any good to pass a budget when it does not get us out of financial trouble—it was just a political show because it didn't fix anything. Whatever happened to all the cures that the casino was going to provide? Heck, if the governor had solicited the two casinos, we would have an extra $30 million to pay CUC's debt. But no, the governor wanted what was best for Best Sunshine, not what was best for the people. So here we are, still in the same broke position we started except for the retirees who got a little relief for their vote and cheerleading.

Cigarette smokers and the beneficiaries of MPLT are now on the chopping block and heaven only knows who is next on the governor's list to be misused. No one is safe from this administration's desperate measures to try and make it look like they are solving problems but what they are really doing is passing the problem and solutions on to society by charging more for cigarettes and taking locals' money from MPLT for the wrong reason. It should be clear the governor and the GOP haven't offered one solution for all of us but they are making darn sure we all pay!

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

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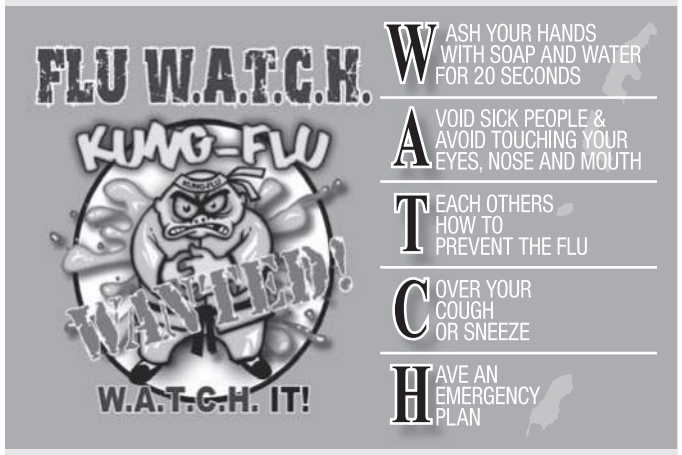
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep off my ancestral domain

I don't necessarily pay attention to what Juan S. Pangelinan writes about, but occasionally he makes comments that bother the subjects of his prose. If he had changed his name to John, then I stand corrected for his identity was always known to me as Juan. His point that I called Gregorio C. Sablan a liar, that is true. His point that I write with a passion about the rights of the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands as an issue, that is also true.

The liar in Gregorio C. Sablan's psyche is the half-truth that he posits by grabbing public domain matters that do not belong to his circle of ownership. We are reminded that in politics the lows are lower than the highs are high. In other words, when politicians mess up, the size of the damage they cause is larger than the size of the benefit they create when they do well.

If one understands, learns, and recognizes that the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands possess their own identity rooted in historical factors, then the common ground is set for legitimate and deliberative discussions about this issue. By virtue of the indigenous people of the NMI's existence, they do have a natural and original right to live freely on their lands.

As an indigenous person in the NMI, my ancestral domain is important to me, and that I could not change. This is deeper than the skin that covers my body and soul, and have unexplained meaning that disenfranchised the psychology of the like of Juan S. Pangelinan and Gregorio C. Sablan because they deny their past. Their view about the very people that made them who they today is troubling to those who brands these islands as belonging to the indigenous people. One that has no clue about the ancestral domain of the indigenous people of the NMI would have no meaning whatsoever deliberating what the indigenous people encountered preserving these islands for their generations and in writing the history of the future of these islands.

Gregorio C. Sablan is imprisoning the indigenous people of the NMI by his position that later settlers of these islands have superior rights to wipe out the existence of the very people that made these islands what they are today. Why imprisonment and how this relates to the point of discussions here? Who is better to tell us about imprisonment than other than Juan S. Pangelinan? Raising the point about "racism" by Juan S. Pangelinan is like saying that the judge who put him in prison for his dishonesty and falsehood is racist because the judge did not agree with his defense. In the case of Gregorio C. Sablan, pushing the indigenous people aside in order to make room for temporary settlers on these islands is the imprisonment that the indigenous people pay for keeping this man as a representative of their well-being. When the indigenous people are robbed of their ancestral domain, what sentence worse than the death penalty would that amount to? A prison has four walls that are designed to take away the liberty of the offender, and Juan S. Pangelinan knows this well. What Gregorio C. Sablan posits with respect to the CW is the same as saying that taking away the liberty of the "indigenous people of the NMI" is okay.

Therefore, the likes of Juan S. Pangelinan and Gregorio C. Sablan is one of the same, whether we see it from the front side or the back side. The cue to what Gregorio C. Sablan is doing is the "Trojan horse" and the hidden agenda that politics embeds in their works. The suspicion is real and we need to talk about it, and Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan should be the star of the forum.

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Joeten DaiDai Foundation donates $10K to Red Cross

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Juanito Naim Sambile Jr., who is celebrating his birthday today, Sept. 19, 2014! God bless and may you have many more to come. Enjoy your special day and be safe. Greetings come from your friends and family.

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International champion to headline ukulele festival

Yuta Uchiumi, "JazzoomCafe", known as Japan's established technical ukulele player, will be the headline performer at the First Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival on Oct. 11, 2014.

JazzoomCafe's finger tricks and "speed playing" techniques are beyond comparison. He was the MVP winner at the 2011 International Ukulele Competition held in Honolulu, and was featured in many local publications in Hawaii. He has also performed at ukulele festivals in Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and New York. His stage style is very unique. His martial arts costume on stage serves as a reminder of his previous career as a wrestler in Japan.

JazzoomCafe has also released an iPhone application "JazzoomCafe's Hi-tech Ukulele." He also was featured in a compilation CD of Walt Disney Records!

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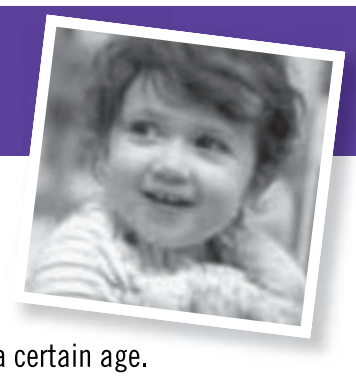
Yuta will also be conducting a free ukulele workshop that will be open to the public. His appearance is made possible by a generous donation from DFS Saipan Ltd. Other sponsors include Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Kanile'a Ukulele, Chong's Corp., Team PDI, CCVI, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The First Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, at the Tipiyeew Cultural Village – Carolinian Utt in Garapan, Saipan from 12pm to 6pm.

Interested ukulele performers may obtain a registration form at the Carolinian Affairs Office (Garapan), Joeten Kiyu Public Library (Susupe), or KKMP radio (Cabrera Center). For more information, or to contribute a donation or provide support, email marianasukefest@gmail.com, or visit www.marianasukulelefestival.org. ***(PR)***

Your Child at 2 Years



Child's Name **Child's Age** **Today's Date**

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

Check the milestones your child has reached by his or her 2nd birthday. Take this with you and talk with your child's doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

What Most Babies Do at this Age:

Social/Emotional
- ❑ Copies others, especially adults and older children
- ❑ Gets excited when with other children
- ❑ Shows more and more independence
- ❑ Shows defiant behavior (doing what he has been told not to)
- ❑ Plays mainly beside other children, but is beginning to include other children, such as in chase games

Language/Communication
- ❑ Points to things or pictures when they are named
- ❑ Knows names of familiar people and body parts
- ❑ Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- ❑ Follows simple instructions
- ❑ Repeats words overheard in conversation
- ❑ Points to things in a book

Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving)
- ❑ Finds things even when hidden under two or three covers
- ❑ Begins to sort shapes and colors
- ❑ Completes sentences and rhymes in familiar books
- ❑ Plays simple make-believe games
- ❑ Builds towers of 4 or more blocks
- ❑ Might use one hand more than the other
- ❑ Follows two-step instructions such as "Pick up your shoes and put them in the closet."
- ❑ Names items in a picture book such as a cat, bird, or dog

Movement/Physical Development
- ❑ Stands on tiptoe
- ❑ Kicks a ball
- ❑ Begins to run
- ❑ Climbs onto and down from furniture without help
- ❑ Walks up and down stairs holding on
- ❑ Throws ball overhand
- ❑ Makes or copies straight lines and circles

Act Early by Talking to Your Child's Doctor if Your Child:

- ❑ Doesn't use 2-word phrases (for example, "drink milk")
- ❑ Doesn't know what to do with common things, like a brush, phone, fork, spoon
- ❑ Doesn't copy actions and words
- ❑ Doesn't follow simple instructions
- ❑ Doesn't walk steadily
- ❑ Loses skills she once had

Tell your child's doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age, and talk with someone in your community who is familiar with services for young children in your area, such as your state's public early intervention program. For more information, go to **www.cdc.gov/concerned** or call **1-800-CDC-INFO.**

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be screened for general development and autism at the 24-month visit. Ask your child's doctor about your child's developmental screening.

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SPAWNBREEZIE ON SAIPAN

United Nesia Fest 3 expected to draw hundreds on Oct. 3

The Fiesta Resort & Spa's beachside is expecting a massive crowd to reach its shores as nationally known Polynesian recording artist Spawnbreezie makes his first visit to Saipan in a couple weeks. The singer will be the headline act for the third installment of the United Nesia Fest concert series, taking place on Oct. 3, 2014, on the hotel's sands for the second straight year.

Spawnbreezie, a singer based out of Independence, Missouri, but a Pacific island native, has been on the music scene for the last decade and has released three albums that have all garnered him fans all over the world, most especially with island expatriates, with such hits as *Oh My Goodness, Fangai Lupe*, and the much requested *I'm In Love* heavily played on radio stations both terrestrial and via online streaming. The artist is also on tour actively promoting his new album, "Sincerely Dizzo," which includes the first single off of it, *All Alone.*

The singer, according to manager Frank Aguon, has expressed great excitement in coming to a part of the Pacific he has not visited, whose itinerary also includes stopovers in Guam and on Tinian. In a video recently posted online, Spawnbreezie mentioned his appreciation to all his fans in the Marianas, saying, "I want to send a big 'thank you' to all the fans, and all the promoters and supporters that are giving me the opportunity to go out there to perform for all of you beautiful people. It's been a long time coming, it's long overdue and I'm excited. Thank you for having me. I appreciate you guys very much and I'll see you soon!"

The concert starts at 6pm, and will also feature local talents such as Marvin Deleon Guerrero, Tom Basa Jr. & the Marianas Project, and one of the CNMI's most sought after bands, Latte Vibes. Tickets are going at an advance price of $22, and $26 if bought at the door on the show date, at Boarderline, and at IT&E.

According to United Nesia Marianas Chapter president Rob Travilla, tickets are going fast. "So far, we've gone through two batches of printed tickets for the show, and they've been flying out the doors fast. If I were you, I wouldn't wait for tomorrow, get them today!" ***(PR)***

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- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
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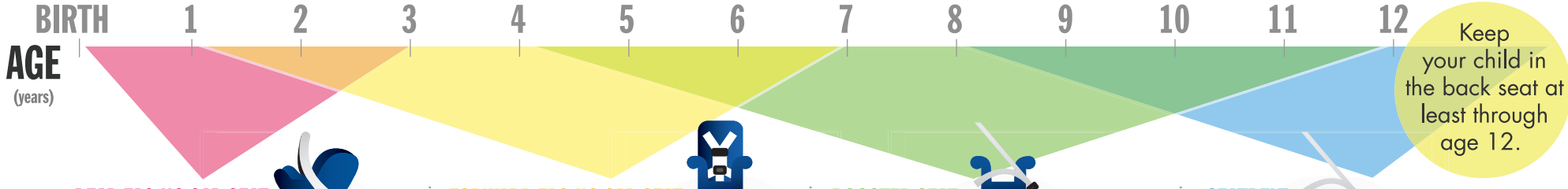
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.



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FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

BOOSTER SEAT

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

SEATBELT

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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Saipan Stevedore Company Inc. donates $2,000 in Educational Tax Credit to Mount Carmel School on Sept. 16, 2014. From left, John Blanco, Institutional Development director, MCS; Wilfredo Lagason, operations manager, SSC; Mike Demapan, general manager, SSC; Andrea Lazaro, MCS STUCO president; Ida Bahillo, vice principal of Student Affairs, MCS; and Keiko Yamagata, MCS business manager.

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OVR counselors to hold outreach in Tanapag tomorrow

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation counselors will be conducting outreach at the Tanapag Youth Center on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, from 9am to 12pm.

Individuals interested in applying for vocational rehabilitation services are encouraged to take advantage of this outreach activity. Normally, orientation and intake/application are conducted at the OVR office on Navy Hill on Tuesdays at 9am. However, in an effort to increase its referral numbers, OVR is also reaching out to unserved or underserved populations.

According to the OVR and State Rehabilitation Council's 2014 comprehensive statewide needs assessment final report, "The distant villages [on] Saipan were also consistently identified as being underserved. Outreach to these villages has been limited in the past due to their distance and the limited number of OVR staff to do this kind of outreach. Conversely, potential consumers that live in the distant villages [on] Saipan do not travel to the OVR office, contributing to the limited number of people being served in these areas."

An applicant is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services if the individual: 1) is an individual with a disability, *and*; 2) has a physical or mental impairment which for such individual constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment; and can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from vocational rehabilitation services, *and*; 3) requires vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, or retain employment; *and* 4) has legal status to allow employment in the CNMI or U.S.

OVR extends its appreciation to Diana Camacho of Ayuda Network/SRC and Laura Ogumoro of the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs for coordinating and making the outreach possible at the TYC.

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority provides transportation service for a fee of $5/ride for the general public (riders without disabilities), or $3/ride for approved riders with disabilities and the elderly age 55 and over. Schedule your ride at least one day in advance by calling COTA at 664-2690. Call this reservation line from Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturdays 8am to 4 pm. ***(OVR)***

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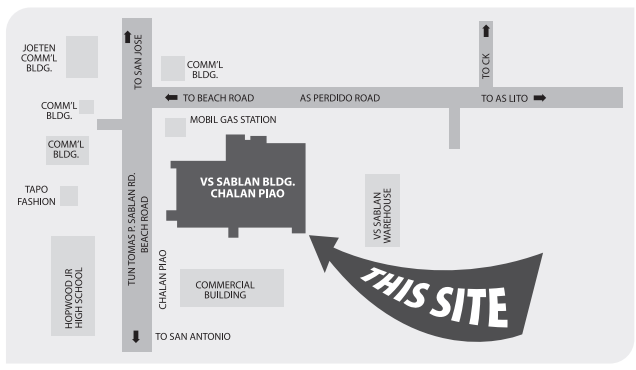

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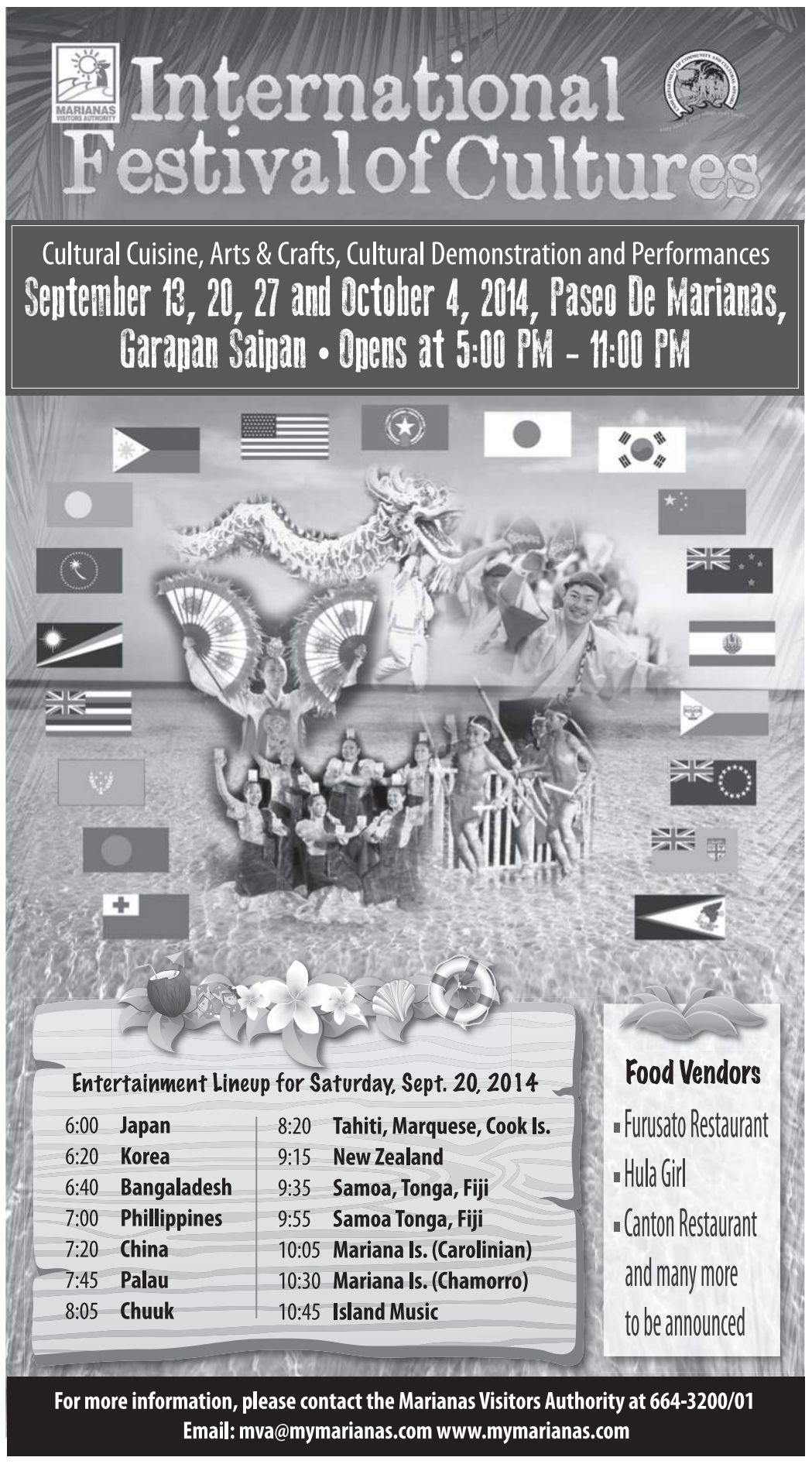
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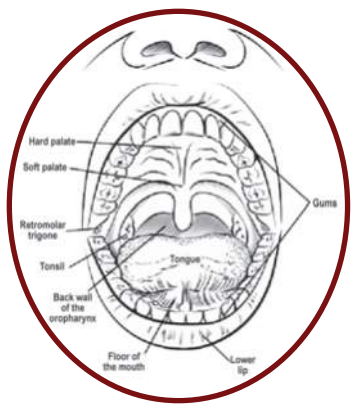
What you need to know

THE FACTS

In 2014, approximately 43,250 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer and oral pharyngeal (posterior/rear of the mouth) cancer in the U.S. Because a large number of these individuals will be diagnosed as late stage cancers (66 %), only 57% of them will survive five years. Each year, oral cancer kills more people in the U.S. than other more widely known forms of cancer, including skin cancer (malignant melanoma), lymphatic cancer (lymphoma), thyroid, and cervical cancer. If oral cancer can be detected early (in stage one or two), the survival rate is 80% to 90 %. But when found as a later stage (three or four), the chances of survival drop to 20 % to 30 %. Late discovery and diagnosis are major factors in high death rate. In the U.S., two thirds of the diagnosed cases will be late stage 3 & 4 cancers this year. Since this cancer in many cases lends itself to early visual and tactile detection, this situation is correctable without the introduction of new science. Additional risks factors for oral cancers include high alcohol consumption, the use of smokeless (chewing tobacco/spit) tobacco, as well as prolonged exposure to the sun (for lip cancers).



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For Prevention

There is a better chance for a cure if oral cancer is found early.

- ✔ **Have an oral exam once a year.** Ask your dental or medical provider for an oral cancer exam during your visit.
- ✔ **Avoid tobacco products —** Cigarettes, chew or snuff, pipes or cigars. 90% of patients with oral cancer use tobacco.
- ✔ **Limit alcohol consumption.** 80% of patients with oral cancer frequently consume alcohol.
- ✔ **Use a lip balm with a SPF of at least 15.** 30% of patients with oral cancer have outdoor occupations associated with prolonged sun exposure.
- ✔ **Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables.** Eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day may provide some protection against oral cancer.

A mother's story

I was in Guam on business when my son called and said "Mom they said it's cancer". I can still feel how my heart sank at that moment. No parent wants to hear that their child has cancer no matter how old. I told my son, "don't worry I love you more than myself, we'll beat this thing". I changed my ticket and flew home to Saipan that day. My son was fortunate, his cancer was found early. Because his cancer was found early the surgery to remove the tumor was not too complicated. He had a feeding tube for a couple of weeks and a skin graft inside his mouth to fill in the space where the tumor was. When the skin graft was healed the feeding tube came out. So far all the follow-up scans have come back negative for new cancer. I am not sure when I will stop worrying about the cancer coming back, all mother's worry about their children. L.B.O.

The good news is that a dentist or doctor can see or feel the precancerous tissue changes or any early cancer, finding it at the most curable stages. The examination will only take 3 minutes that could save your life. One of the leading causes of oral cancer in the CNMI is chewing betelnut with tobacco and other additives. Now, the fastest growing segment of oral cancer patients are young, healthy, non-smoking individuals. This is why everyone over the age of 18 should be screened annually. The visual examination is simple, painless, and quick. Early detection saves lives.

A wife's story

In May of 2013, my husband Jack started to experience difficulty in opening his mouth. He also noticed a deep ulcer in the back of his left cheek. He thought it was just a sore that would heal in time. He also started to have fevers. We went to see our doctor and he was given antibiotics for a week, which we thought would help, but didn't. A biopsy was recommended and done at SDA and we got the results a day after Father's day. It was the most painful and devastating news. The first thing that came to our mind was how were we going to explain this to our children and family. We cried the whole drive home. Above all, we remained positive and optimistic that everything will be okay. My husband went through several types of treatment which include surgery, chemo-therapy and radiation therapy-all in a period of about a year. Through it all, we kept our faith and were lovingly surrounded by our family and friends. On June 25, 2014, my husband, †Jack Tenorio Sablan, was called by our Creator. We miss and love him dearly. May his soul forever rest in peace. C.A.S.

Signs and Symptoms

One of the real dangers of oral cancer, is that in its early stages, it can go unnoticed. It can be painless, and little in the way of physical changes may be obvious. This makes it a very dangerous disease. Regular screening by a qualified medical or dental professional, combined with a person's awareness of the disease and detection in the earliest possible stages when a cure is most achievable - is why we urge everyone to take advantage of the ***free oral cancer screening***.

Early Indicators

- Red and/or white discolorations of the soft tissue of the mouth.
- Any sore which does not heal within 14 days.
- Hoarseness which lasts for a prolonged period of time.

Advanced Indicators

- A sensation that something is stuck in your throat
- Numbness in oral region.
- Difficulty in moving the jaw or tongue.
- Difficulty swallowing
- Ear pain which occurs on one side only
- A sore under a denture which even after adjustment of dentures, still does not heal.
- A lump or thickening which develops in the mouth or on the neck.

RISK FACTORS

Tobacco Use. In all its forms, tobacco is a major contributor to the development of oral or mouth cancers. Not using tobacco is the single most important thing you can do to avoid oral cancers.

Excessive Consumption. More than 15 alcoholic beverages per week may put you at greater risk. If you drink, please do so in moderation.

The combined use of alcohol and tobacco. This significantly increases the risk of oral cancer more than either by itself.

Excessive unprotected exposure to sun. Unprotected exposure to sun will increase the likelyhood of lip cancers. Use at least SPF30 sun block on your lip.

Low intake of fruits & vegetables. A diet that does not contain protective nutrients of these foods increases the risk of developing a variety of illnesses including oral cancer.

Use of betel nut and bedis. When chewed or smoked, these are causative agents of mouth cancers. Avoid their use.

A wife's story

In April of this year 2014, my husband Roque passed away from oral cancer. Oral cancer is foreign to my family. His journey started with pain in his mouth and a sore that developed in his inner left cheek. This sore did not heal overtime even with antibiotics treatment. After about six months of coping with the pain, he nally decided to have himself checked only to find out that he had stage 4 oral cancer. For about three months, he underwent intensive chemo and radiation therapy. I stood by him and saw the pain and suffering he had to undergo just to get rid of the monster that was inside of him. He fought a tough battle, unfortunately the cancer was progressive and did not give him a chance. Oral cancer took my husband's life so suddenly. Today I ask myself all the time "what if?" What if got checked up sooner, would my husband have been alive to see our daughters 4th birthday or even her 16th for that matter? What if he took better care of his oral health, would he have had a chance of surviving this type of cancer? What if we were just a little bit more educated about oral cancer? Could he have had quit his chewing habit sooner and continue to be a part of our family or this campaign for this matter? All the what ifs? could haves? should haves? can't bring my husband back. But today I insist on helping other families so that they could still have the opportunity to make memories instead of remembering the memory of a loved one. Lanelle

A sister's story

I lost my baby brother in February 2014 at age of 44. He was my only sibling, my only family left. For him, it started as a white discoloration on his lip which he thought was a canker sore. By the time he went to the doctor, he was already a Stage 4B Oral Cancer patient. He fought strong, but couldn't live another year. If I had forced him hard & early enough, he might have survived. Oral Cancer is one of the easiest cancers to detect, but at the same time, hardest to get diagnosed early enough. And is extremely aggressive. Don't say "maulika, maulika" and wait until it's too late. Don't think it's someone else's problem. No one should go through what we had to go through. M.I.

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FREE SCREENING FOR Oral Cancer

Early detection saves *Lives.*

One of the leading causes of ***Oral Cancer*** in the CNMI is ***chewing betel nut*** with ***tobacco*** and ***other additives***. Each year in the U.S. alone, approximately ***42,000*** individuals are newly diagnosed with ***Oral Cancer***. Unfortunately at this time, the majority are found as late stage cancers, which accounts for the very high death rate; about half of those diagnosed will not survive five years.

The good news is that a dentist or doctor can see or feel precancerous tissue changes or an early cancer, finding it at the most curable stages. The examination will only take ***3 minutes*** of your time.

That is why the ***Commonwealth Cancer Association*** (CCA) in partnership with ***Seventh-day Adventist*** (SDA) ***Clinic***, ***Commonwealth Health Care Corporation*** (CHCC) ***Dental Clinic*** and all dental clinics in the CNMI are offering ***FREE Oral Cancer Screening*** for all ages.

The visual exam is ***simple, painless,*** and ***quick.***

You can't afford to ignore *Oral Cancer!*

Please call any of the following clinics to find out when is the best time to walk-in for your free screening.

Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) **Clinic**
670 234-6323

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670 233-3300

Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC)
Dental Clinic 670 236-8369

Smile Marianas
670 235-3720/2378

Dental Care
670 233-1100/1101

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670 234-3810/11/16

For more information call the **Commonwealth Cancer Association** at **670 682-0050.**

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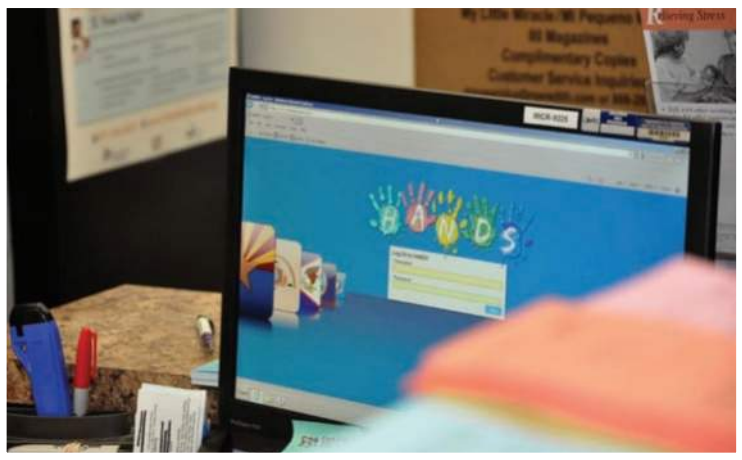

The CNMI WIC Program is excited to transition to our new system,

Health and Nutrition Delivery System HANDS.

Therefore, we will be closed on:
September 26, 27, 29 & 30, 2014 for training.

We will be open on

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Should you have any question, please contact
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Thank you for your understanding.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

CUC-RFEOI-14-020
Request for Expressions of Interest for Vegetation Line Clearing Services
(A Non-Binding, Informal Market Survey)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, requests "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) from qualified firms capable of providing supervision, labor, equipment, traffic control, debris removal and incidentals necessary to perform tree and brush cutting and removal service on various utility rights-of-way and utility lines in the CUC service territory.

The Request for Expressions of Interest is an exploratory project in order to survey market interest in Vegetation Line Clearing Services. It is not intended to be a formal or informal procurement process and CUC does not express or imply that any future procurement and/or acquisition process will occur, or that any preference will be given to those replying.

The CUC invites qualified firms to express their interest in performing the needed services. CUC will review all Expressions of Interests received, and based in part on these submittals, will decide on whether to outsource the Vegetation Line Clearing Services to private firms.

The CUC-RFEOI-14-020 Package will be e-mailed upon request to all interested firm, by the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Four (4) copies must be submitted by hand or courier in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFEOI-14-020" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 3, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 14, 2014**. Late submission will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 26, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Gary Camacho, Power Division T&D Manager via email address gary.camacho@cucgov.org. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

Abel Pellegrino passes away at 18

Music was Abel Pellegrino's passion and he nearly always had a guitar in hand. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Abel Pellegrino, 18, died from a fall on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, in Honolulu on the campus of the University of Hawaii Manoa where he was starting his sophomore year. He was the beloved son of the late Anthony Pellegrino and Eileen Olapei Pellegrino.

Born in Hawaii and raised on Saipan, Abel attended Whispering Palms School, the Calvary Christian Academy, and was a 2013 graduate of Saipan International School. He excelled at forensics, and as the Saipan representative of the humorous interpretation category, he participated in the National Forensics League competition in Indianapolis in 2012. He enjoyed playing soccer and volleyball, and participating in the Saipan Paddling Club.

Abel is remembered as a friendly, encouraging, and popular young man with an exceptional singing voice. Music was his passion. He began his professional vocal career on Saipan as a performer on sunset dinner cruises. His joyful, confident voice was heard at his graduation, local birthday parties, the annual Flame Tree Arts Festival, and the Thursday Street Market. Starting in his freshman year at college, he was a volunteer DJ at KTUH-FM, Honolulu's student-run alternative music station.

KTUH's general manager, Paige Okamura, trained Abel as a DJ and recalled him as someone she "knew would go on to do great things at KTUH. He was so eager to learn and grow and discover new music."

In addition to his university studies, Abel was also studying audio engineering at Honolulu Community College. Inspired by his father to passionately pursue whatever he loved doing, Abel looked forward to a career in the recording industry.

The sudden death of this promising, enthusiastic young man brings shock and grief to his large loving family, and to his even larger circle of friends on Saipan, and, literally, around the world. He had more than 1,100 friends on Facebook. Words cannot express their sense of shock and loss. Hundreds of people are asking themselves the question "How could his fine sweet song end so soon?"

Abel is survived by his mother Mila Pellegrino, his sisters Miki and Prunella, his brother Julian, and numerous loving aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

His funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014, on Saipan. Mass is at 10am at the Kristo Rai Church in Garapan. A viewing will be held at the Cabrera Funeral Home in the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 23. He will be buried at Sanctuario Cemetery in Kagman. ***(PR)***

T Galleria is Green Gala Title Sponsor

As part of its commitment to conservation efforts, T Galleria recently contributed more than $3,000 in cash and in-kind donations to the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. Joining the ranks of Title Sponsors, the second highest level of sponsorship categories, the donation was made as part of MINA's annual fundraising event, the Green Gala, which will be held tonight.

"We really appreciate T Galleria's support of this year's Green Gala," said Frankie Eliptico, chairperson of MINA's board of directors. "T Galleria has been a longtime supporter of MINA and we appreciate their continued partnership."

In addition to lively entertainment, dinner and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature brief highlights from MINA's projects, a silent auction, and many other activities that promises a memorable evening. As a result of the community's support of this year's Green Gala, the event is sold out and tickets will not be sold at the door.

There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Event categories) that correspond to the value of companies' contribution. To become a sponsor of the event, please contact Brooke Nevitt at 233-REEF (7333), or email castro.fran@gmail.com. ***(MINA)***

Business

Shenzhen tops Asia's best-performing cities ranking

» Six Chinese cities in top 10

SINGAPORE—The Milken Institute released yesterday its first-ever ranking of the economic performance of Asia's major cities, revealing that in creating jobs and vibrant urban growth, the Chinese dragon still roars. Of Asia's top ten cities, six are in the People's Republic. Top of the pack: Shenzhen, the birthplace of modern Chinese economic reform.

For more than decade, the Milken Institute has analyzed and ranked the Best-Performing Cities in the United States, focused on which regional economies best fuel job and income growth. With the establishment of its Asia Center in Singapore, the Institute has adapted one of its most recognized tools to the cities and regions in Asia where jobs are being created and sustained. The Best-Performing Cities Asia Index is based on actual economic performance assessing job and income growth, and the strength of industries on the extent of economic value they add.

As the first of modern China's special economic zones, top-ranked Shenzhen remains a major production hub, boosting factories that employ tens of thousands of workers who produce iPhones for Apple and assemble components for many other firms. Yet lately the city's rapid progress up the economic ladder has been fuelled by higher value-added – and better-paying – industries such as telecommunications, finance, and biopharmaceuticals.

BEST-PERFORMING CITIES ASIA 2014: TOP 10
#1 Shenzhen (Guangdong), China
#2 Guangzhou (Guangdong), China
#3 Chengdu (Sichuan), China
#4 Tianjin, China
#5 Delhi, India
#6 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
#7 Beijing, China
#8 Singapore, Singapore
#9 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
#10 Shanghai, China

Three other Chinese cities—Guangzhou, Chengdu, and Tianjin—rounded out the top four, and Beijing placed seventh. Shanghai came in at 10th place; this major financial center developing a world-class skilled workforce hasn't been able to compete with cities that host high-tech manufacturing.

Outside of China, Asia's best-performing cities span the region, with India's Delhi (No. 5), Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur (No. 6) and Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City (No. 9) all claiming top ten spots. Singapore comes in at 8th, the only developed economy among the top 10, a remarkable showing since the survey's methodology rewards fast-growing cities. The city-state is an economic role model on how to transition from a low-cost location to an open international economy, based on human capital, research, and innovation capacities.

"Above all other factors, it is job creation that drives the formation and expansion of the middle class in Asia's most dynamic cities," says Ross DeVol, the Milken Institute's chief research officer and one of the authors of the study. "Our data-based index highlights the urban economies that are doing the best job in both creating jobs and transitioning to a higher value-added, more sustainable, growth rate."

The Best-Performing Cities Asia index ranks Asian cities based on their economic performance. The index measures growth in jobs, household income and high value-added industries over five years (2008-2013) to adjust for extreme variations in business cycles. It also incorporates the most recent one-year performance in these areas. As an economic index, Best-Performing Cities Asia does not include cost-of-living comparisons or quality-of-life conditions such as pollution or commute times.

"With the launch of Best-Performing Cities Asia as an annual index of the Milken Institute, we hope to help Asian leaders in government, business, and finance identify how best to continue to grow their economies," says Perry Wong, Managing Director of Research at the Institute and one of the authors of the study. "That in turn will fuel further prosperity and opportunity for people throughout the region." ***(Milken Institute)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the State Rehabilitation Council & Statewide Independent Living Council will jointly hold their FY 2014 Fourth General Membership Meeting on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Napu Room, Pacific Islands Club. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
- a. SRC Secretary – John Guerrero
- b. SILC Secretary – Emeterio Fitial

III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes
- a. SRC FY 2014 Third General Membership Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2014
- b. SILC FY 2014 Third General Membership Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2014

V. Reports
- a. SRC Chairperson – Isidro K. Seman
- b. QA/QI Committee Chairperson – James Rayphand
- c. Employment & Marketing Committee Chairperson – Elizabeth Ada
- d. Transition & Assistive Technology Committee Chairperson – Ellena Sutton
- e. Transportation, Housing & Advocacy Committee Chairperson – Vince Merfalen
- f. SILC Chairperson – Consolacion C. Atalig
- g. CLI Director – Lydia D. Igitol
- h. OVR Director – Arlene A. Yamagata, M.S., CRC

VI. New Business
- a. Review and Adoption of SILC Logo and Vision
- b. October 2014: National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)
- c. Application to Host the 9th Annual Summit on Vocational Rehabilitation Performance Management Excellence ("Summit 2016")
- d. Review/Approval of SRC FY 2015 Resource Plan
- e. Review/Approval of SILC FY 2015 Resource Plan
- f. SRC Election of Officers for FY 2015
- g. SILC Election of Officers for FY 2015

VII. Consumer Forum
VIII. Announcements/Miscellaneous
IX. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters, are asked to call Elvira Seman at 322-6537 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY) five (5) days before the meeting.

/s/ **ISIDRO K. SEMAN**
SRC Chairperson

/s/ **CONSOLACION C. ATALIG**
SILC Chairperson

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MEETING NOTICE

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 a 9:00 a.m. at the MVA Conference Room San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) Preliminary Matters
- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Adoption of the Minutes

2) Public Comments
3) Committee Reports
- 1. Finance
  - a) FY2014 Projected Expenditures
  - b) FY2015 Revised Budget based on PL18-66
- 2. Personnel
- 3. Legislative
- 4. Destination Enhancement

4) New Business
- 1. MVA Support for Katori group's 100th anniversary
- 2. Japan Market Promotion (Destination Music Video)
- 3. Bravo Company Promotion
- 4. Russia Market Promotion

5) Old Business
- 1. AVIA Charter Support Contract Status

6) Miscellaneous/Announcements
7) Executive Session
8) Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Chair, MVA Board of Directors

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan**. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes
  - i. September 10, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Loan Review & Approval

IV. OLD BUSINESS
- a. Mortgage Credit Division
  - i. HOME Policies and Procedures
  - ii. Loan Modification

V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, **September 23, 2014**, at **9:00 a.m.** at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes – September 9, 2014 Meeting
- E. Correspondence
  - 1. Letter from Capital Projects Finance Authority

II. Public Comments*

III. Management Reports
- A. Judge David Carter's Visit
- B. Status Reports on Government Accounts Receivables
  - 1. Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
  - 2. Public School System
  - 3. Central Government
- C. Updates on All Pending Action Items

IV. Executive Session**
- A. Telesource Change Order No. 5
- B. Motion for Receivership
- C. Personnel Matter

V. Board Reports

VI. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business

VII. Adjournment

* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Nation

House grudgingly approves arms for Syrian rebels

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Republican-controlled House voted grudgingly Wednesday to give the administration authority to train and arm Syrian rebels as President Barack Obama emphasized anew that American forces "do not and will not have a combat mission" in the struggle against Islamic State militants in either Iraq or Syria.

The 273-156 vote crossed party lines to an unusual degree in a Congress marked by near-ceaseless partisanship. Top Republican and Democratic leaders backed Obama's plan seven weeks before midterm elections, while dozens of rank-and-file lawmakers in both parties opposed it.

The provision was added to spending legislation that will ensure the federal government operates normally after the Sept. 30 end of the budget year. Final approval is expected in the Senate on Thursday.

Even supporters of the military plan found little to trumpet. "This is the best of a long list of bad options," said Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va.

One Republican supporter noted the measure includes strict limits on Obama's authority. "Members on both sides of the aisle are very concerned that too much of Congress' warmaking power has gone to the president," said Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma.

Obama's remarks and similar comments Wednesday by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California seemed designed to reassure liberal lawmakers that the new military mission would be limited.

In a statement following the vote, Obama said the House "took an important step forward as our nation unites to confront the threat posed" by the Islamic State group, showing bipartisan support for a "critical component" of his strategy against the extremists.

Only a day earlier, Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, drew widespread attention when he told Congress he might recommend the use of U.S. ground combat forces if Obama's current strategy fails to stop the militants.

Across the political aisle from the president and Pelosi, Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California swung behind the plan. Yet many other Republicans expressed concerns that it would be insufficient to defeat militants who have overrun parts of Syria and Iraq and beheaded two American journalists.

In all, 85 Democrats and 71 Republicans voted to deny Obama the authority he sought. The measure passed on the strength of 159 votes from Republicans and 114 from Democrats.

GOP lawmakers took solace in the short-term nature of the legislation. It grants Obama authority only until Dec. 11, giving Congress plenty of time to return to the issue in a post-election session set to begin in mid-November.

While the military provision was given a separate vote in the House—to tack it onto the spending bill—it seemed unlikely there would be a yes-or-no vote in the Senate on Obama's new military strategy to train rebel forces in Saudi Arabia to be used in conjunction with potential U.S. airstrikes.

Instead, the Senate is likely to vote only once on the legislation that combines approval for arming and training rebels with the no-shutdown federal spending provisions.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission has approved a new LEAC rate of $0.28902 per kWh, a decrease from the previous rate of $0.30426 per kWh, which became effective on September 1, 2014.

BASE RATES

		RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
1	Monthly Customer Charge	$ 7.00	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ 9.06
2	Base Rates Per kWh:				
	KWH LEVELS				
	1) 1 to 350	$ 0.0210	$ 0.1130	$ 0.1240	$ 0.1070
	2) 351 to 1200	$ 0.0970	$ 0.1130	$ 0.1240	$ 0.1070
	3) 1,201 and over	$ 0.1580	$ 0.1130	$ 0.1240	$ 0.1070
3	Infrastructure Surcharge Per kWh -- all usage	$ 0.0210	$ 0.0210	$ 0.0210	$ 0.0210
4	Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) Per kWh -- all usage	$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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LEVELIZED ENERGY ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (LEAC) RATE

	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
New LEAC Rate (Effective 09/01/14)	$ 0.28902	$ 0.28902	$ 0.28902	$ 0.28902
Previous LEAC Rate	$ 0.30426	$ 0.30426	$ 0.30426	$ 0.30426

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PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF

Availability: Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns, maintains and operates such facilities.

Energy Charge: The energy charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable electric base rate and LEAC rate.

Fixture Charge: See below.

	FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH/MONTH	FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH
1	Long Arm	250	101	$ 11.67
2	Short Arm	175	71	$ 8.33
3	LED	140	57	$ 10.83

ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES

1	Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due
2	NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	$ 40.00
3	Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)*	$ 1.50
4	Unauthorized Connection*	$ 550.00
5	Reconnection at the Pole*	$ 200.00
6	Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)*	$ 210.00
7	Disconnection Notice	$ 15.00
8	Meter Change Out	$ 95.00
9	New Service - Single Phase	$ 135.00
10	Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	$ 90.00
11	Meter Test - Single Phase	$ 75.00
12	Meter Test - Three Phase	$ 110.00
13	Disconnection at the Meter	$ 45.00
14	Reconnection at the Meter	$ 60.00

Non-Rate Fees Effective 04/17/14
*Non-Rate Fees Effective 08/03/14

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U.S. PROBATION OFFICE
Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
Vacancy Announcement No. GUP 14-002

Position Title:	**U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services Officer Assistant**
Type of Appointment:	Full-Time Permanent
Classification Level:	Court Personnel System - Grade CL-24
Salary Range:	$37,596 to $45,196 (Promotion Potential up to CL-26 without further competition) (Salary commensurate with experience plus 13.84% COLA, which is subject to change)
Area of Consideration:	All Sources
Opening Date:	September 10, 2014
Closing Date:	October 3, 2014 at 4:00pm
Location of Vacancy:	**Saipan**

Position Overview

The Probation/Pretrial Services Officer Assistant (PPSOA) serves in the judiciary law enforcement position under the direction and guidance of a Probation/Pretrial Services Officer (PPSO) or Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer (DCUSPO). The incumbent provides technical and operational support and assistance to probation/pretrial services officers in a variety of areas, including assisting with compiling information for investigations, assisting with and monitoring select offenders/defendants, coordinating with collateral agencies, drafting reports and correspondence, and assisting with similar operational duties. The incumbent will work in the U.S. Probation Office, District of the Northern Mariana Islands and the incumbent can also be assigned to work in the U.S. Probation Office, District of Guam.

Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in the United States. There is a promotion potential up to Classification Level CL-26, without further competition, when personnel classification requirements have been met.

Application Procedure

Qualified applicants must submit an original and two (2) copies of each of the following: 1) Letter of interest; 2) Resume; 3) Letters from three professional and/or personal references; and 4) A completed Federal Judicial Branch Application for Employment (AO 78). For all inquiries, please call Frank Lizama at (671) 473-9209.

The complete announcement, AO 78 application form, and position description for Probation/Pretrial Services Officer Assistant Classification Level CL-24 are available on our website at http://www.gup.uscourts.gov. The U.S. Probation Office reserves the right to amend or withdraw any announcement without written notice to applicants.

All application documents must be received at the U.S. Probation Office no later than Friday, October 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Applications will not be accepted via email or facsimile. Incomplete and untimely applications will not be considered. The most qualified applicants will be invited to, and must be physically present for, a personal interview. Travel expenses and relocation expenses will not be reimbursed. All application information will be subject to verification.

The U.S. Probation Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ACROSS THE NATION

School district police stock up free military gear

LOS ANGELES (AP)—School police departments across the country have taken advantage of free military surplus gear, stocking up on mine resistant armored vehicles, grenade launchers and scores of M16 rifles. At least 26 school districts have participated in the Pentagon's surplus program, which is not new but has come under scrutiny after police responded to protesters in Ferguson, Missouri, last month with tear gas, armored military trucks and riot gear. Now, amid that increased criticism, several school districts say they'll give some of the equipment back, while others plan to keep the rifles they received. Nearly two dozen education and civil liberties groups sent a letter earlier this week to the Pentagon and the Justice and Education departments urging a stop to transfers of military weapons to school police. The Los Angeles Unified School District—the nation's second largest school district covering 710 square miles and enrolling more than 900,000 students—said it would remove three grenade launchers it had acquired because they "are not essential life-saving items within the scope, duties and mission" of the district's police force.

Over 2,000 homes threatened in California fire

WEED, Calif. (AP)—Teams of firefighters went house-to-house on Wednesday to pin down damage done by a wildfire that officials estimated had destroyed 110 homes and damaged another 90 in the small town of Weed while another Northern California blaze east of Sacramento was threatening more than 2,000 homes as it burned out of control, officials said. The new figures from Weed brought a marked increase from the initial estimate that a total of 150 structures had been destroyed or damaged in the blaze that began Monday and rapidly swept across the town. Four firefighters lost their homes. In the fire east of Sacramento, a total of 2,500 firefighters were now taking on the blaze that was threatening 2,003 homes and another 1,505 smaller structures, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said. "It's been an explosive couple of days," CalFire spokesman Daniel Berlant said. The fire has burned nearly 44 square miles of trees and brush and is just 5 percent contained.

Rain from tropical storm begins falling on Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—People lined up in bumper-to-bumper traffic and scooped sand into trash and canvas tote bags Wednesday as rain from a weakened Pacific storm began to fall on Arizona. It's the second blast of hurricane-related weather to hit the desert region in the past two weeks—the result of an especially active Pacific storm season. Odile was once a Category 3 Hurricane, but was downgraded to a tropical depression by the time rain started falling in Arizona. The Tucson and Phoenix areas received lesser-than-expected precipitation Wednesday, and no rain was falling in either location by mid-afternoon. But the forecast still calls for more precipitation to arrive in the next day, with up to 5 inches of rain predicted for Tucson. "Don't be lulled into thinking just because we didn't get rain right now, that it's not coming," said John Brost, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Tucson. "It's still heading this way, it's just still south of the border." Fearful of widespread flooding, people across Arizona rushed to fill up sandbags to fortify their homes. Traffic backed up at two parks in Tucson where they were being given out. The mayor of the border city of Nogales used his pickup truck to deliver sandbags to residents.

Warrant: SC dad feared 5 slain kids would kill him

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina father who authorities said killed his five children believed the kids "were going to kill him, chop him up and feed him to the dogs," according to an unredacted arrest warrant released Wednesday. Authorities said Timothy Ray Jones Jr. killed his children at his Lexington home, put the bodies in plastic trash bags and drove for nine days around the Southeast. The warrant said authorities found blood in his vehicle and handwritten notes about killing and mutilating bodies after he was stopped at a DUI checkpoint in Mississippi on Sept. 6. The warrant was originally released last week, but Lexington County deputies blacked out some sentences. WLTX-TV and WIS-TV obtained an unaltered copy. Jones ordered his children, ages 1 to 8, out of his vehicle at a Lexington Walmart on Aug. 28 because he "believed the children were going to kill him, chop him up and feed him to the dogs," according to the warrant. Authorities have said Jones picked up his children from school and daycare that day, the last time they were seen alive. Deputies think Jones took his children to their Lexington home and killed them a short time later.

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Mario Cudiamat has served at Kanoa Resort Saipan since April 2013. His duties include guest relations, cashiering, telephone operator and concierge. He conducts guest check-in and check-out and also assists guest when they inquire about island tourist sites, directions, and making reservations for tours.

"I worked at Mariana Resort under the Workforce Investment Agency when I was in high school. The experience was fun, so I knew then that I wanted to work at a hotel.

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Mario Cudiamat
Guest Service Agent, Kanoa Resort Saipan

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Create a **Safe Sleep Environment** for Baby

Did you know that the features of your baby's sleep area can affect his/her risk for **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)** and other sleep-related causes of infant death, such as suffocation?

Reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death by **creating a safe sleep environment** for your baby.

How can you make a **safe sleep environment?**

- Always place your baby to **sleep on his or her back**, for naps and at night.
- Have the baby **share your room, not your bed.** Your baby should not sleep in an adult bed, on a couch, or on a chair alone, with you, or with anyone else. Try room sharing—keeping baby's sleep area in the same room where you sleep.
- Use a **firm sleep surface**, such as a mattress in a safety-approved* crib, covered by a fitted sheet.
- Keep soft objects, toys, pillows, crib bumpers, and loose bedding **out of your baby's sleep area.**
- Dress your baby in **no more than one layer of clothing more than an adult would wear** to be comfortable, and leave the blanket out of the crib. A one-piece sleeper or wearable blanket can be used for sleep clothing. Keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult.

Safety-approved* portable play yards can also provide a safe sleep environment for your baby. When using a portable play yard, always place baby to sleep on his or her back and keep toys, pillows, and blankets out of the play yard. These actions help reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death.

***Visit** the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website for more information about safety-approved baby sleep areas: http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/cribs/

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SAFE TO SLEEP

Learn more about ways to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death at **http://www.nichd.nih.gov/sids**

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Australian leader warns of planned attack

SYDNEY (AP)—Counter-terrorism raids in Sydney on Thursday were sparked by security intelligence that the Islamic State movement was planning a public killing as a demonstration of its reach, the prime minister said Thursday. Australian police detained 15 people Thursday in a major counterterrorism operation, saying intelligence indicated a random, violent attack was being planned on Australian soil. Prime Minister Tony Abbott said he had been briefed on Wednesday night about the operation which had been prompted by information that an Islamic State movement leader in the Middle East was calling on Australian supporters to kill. "Quite direct exhortations were coming from an Australian who is apparently quite senior in ISIL to networks of support back in Australia to conduct demonstration killings here in this country," Abbott told reporters, referring to the al-Qaida splinter group leading Sunni militants in Iraq, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which now calls itself simply Islamic State. "This is not just suspicion, this is intent and that's why the police and security agencies decided to act in the way they have," he added. He did not name the Australian.

Pakistan airstrikes kill 40 militants, army says

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's military launched airstrikes on five militant hideouts in a troubled tribal region near the border with Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing 40 suspected fighters as part of a massive operation that began this summer. In a statement, the military said "precise" air strikes were carried out in Datta Khel, a Taliban stronghold in North Waziristan, where Pakistan launched a long-awaited offensive on June 15. The region has long been home to local and foreign militants who carry out attacks in Pakistan and against NATO forces in Afghanistan. The military said it also destroyed ammunition depots, and those killed included "foreigners." It gave no details about the identity and nationality of those killed in the strikes, but authorities in Pakistan usually use the term "foreign militants" to refer to Arabs, Uzbeks and al-Qaida fighters. Since launching the operation, the military says it has killed more than 1,000 local and foreign militants, while it lost more than 80 soldiers.

Thailand says no DNA match yet for slain Britons

BANGKOK (AP)—Police in Thailand said Wednesday that DNA samples from the bodies of two British tourists found bludgeoned on a resort island did not match any collected from 12 people who were among those in the area. Police also conducted autopsies which showed that 23-year-old Hannah Witheridge died from head wounds while 24-year-old David Miller suffered severe blows to the head and drowned in the surf, said Maj. Gen. Pornchai Suteerakune, the country's forensics police chief. Pornchai said Miller also had wounds on his hand, indicating a struggle had taken place. The two Britons were found Monday morning in a rocky alcove along the shore close to the hotel where they both were staying on Koh Tao. A bloodied hoe was found near the bodies. Authorities have made no arrests so far but are hoping to be able to match DNA samples.

Bangladesh empowers parliament to impeach judges

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Bangladesh's parliament now has the authority to impeach Supreme Court judges after lawmakers late Wednesday voted to approve a much-debated amendment to the constitution. The amendment passed unanimously in a voice vote of 327-0, with support coming from the ruling Awami League. Critics of the amendment, including senior jurists, said it was a thinly veiled way for the ruling party to keep the judiciary under control. But Law Minister Anisul Hoque, who proposed the change, said the amendment allows parliament to impeach judges on grounds of "misbehavior or incapacity." Previously a council of senior judges led by the chief justice was assigned to deal with any case of misconduct by judges.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0002-76**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-76"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, October 3, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, September 12, 2014,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifcations, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: August 22, 2014

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TINIAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0011-22**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
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Date: August 22, 2014

World

Desperate Gazans flee to Europe in risky sea trips

ABASSAN, Gaza Strip (AP)—The university student was desperate to flee Gaza after suffering through years of border closures and three wars.

In early September, a week after the latest war between Gaza's ruling Hamas and Israel, 22-year-old Mohammed Abu Toaimeh crossed into neighboring Egypt. He handed $2,000 to traffickers and boarded a ship that was to smuggle him to Europe.

Instead, he and dozens of other Gazans are missing amid reports that smugglers sank their vessel on purpose.

Mohammed's mother, Ahlam, is plagued by guilt because she helped him scrape together money for the trip. "I had hoped he could begin a new life, better than this life of war and destruction," she said in between sobs.

In the past two months, more than 1,300 Gazans are believed to have gone to Egypt, some even sneaking in through a border tunnel, to embark on illicit sea voyages, said Ramy Abdu, a human rights activist tracking the trafficking.

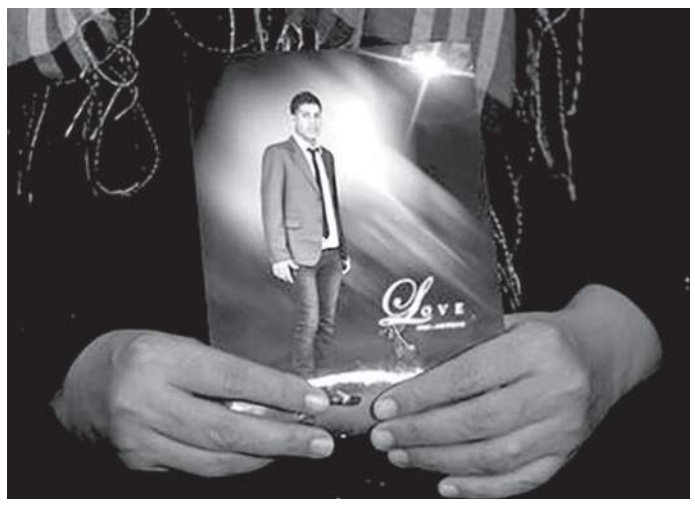
It's a new escape route and a measure of growing desperation in the crowded sliver of land where two-thirds of those under 30 are unemployed.

Dreams of emigration are common in Gaza, with polls regularly indicating more than 40 percent would leave if given a chance. Traditionally, young men in Gaza have been encouraged by their families to work abroad and send money home.

In recent years, some avenues of escape remained open, despite a border blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt after the Hamas militant group's takeover of Gaza in 2007.

Most would-be emigrants have flown to Europe or the Far East from Egypt, often on student or tourist visas, and then attempted to stay. Travel on migrant boats was unusual.

However, options diminished after Egypt's military toppled a Hamas-friendly government in Cairo in mid-2013. Egypt's new rulers sealed hundreds of smuggling tunnels under the border,



AP

In this Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014 photo, Palestinian Ahlam Abu Toaimeh, 47, holds a picture of her son Mohammed Abu Toaimeh, 22, as she speaks to an Associated Press reporter at her house in the town of Abasan, in the southern Gaza Strip.

cutting Gaza's main economic lifeline, and tightened travel restrictions. The restrictions sharply reduced the number of Gazans allowed to cross legally into Egypt and those who were permitted to fly from Cairo's airport.

The recent 50-day war only strengthened the belief of many here that they have no future in Gaza.

More than 2,100 Gazans were killed and more than 18,000 homes destroyed in the fighting. With Hamas sticking to its militant ideology, there are no signs that Israel and Egypt will ease the blockade significantly.

In mid-July, about a week after the outbreak of the war, a gang of Egyptian smugglers and Palestinian middlemen began advertising sea trips to Europe as cheap and safe, said Abdu.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancy#14-002
POSITION TITLE : **Program Coordinator III (Physical Activity) - Limited Term Appointment**
Pay Level & Step : 24/01– 24/02
Annual Salary : $29,461.73 - $30,492.89
Location : As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 9/9/2014 Closing Date: 9/24/2014 or Until Filled

Vacancy#14-009
POSITION TITLE : **Dean, Cooperative Research, Extension and Educational Service (CREES)**
Pay Level & Step : Ungraded
Location : As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 8/12/2014 Closing Date: 9/15/2014 or Until Filled

Vacancy#14-014
POSITION TITLE : **Research Assistant I (2 Positions) - Limited Term Appointment**
Annual Salary : $15,080.00 - $15,607.80
Pay Level & Step : 10/1 – 10/2
Location : As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 9/12/2014 Closing Date: 9/29/2014 or Until Filled

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds.

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Michigan woman holds off thief, then gives birth

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—Police in Flint, Michigan, say a woman gave birth after she and her family captured a purse snatcher in a grocery store parking lot. The Flint Police Department says the woman was putting groceries in her car Tuesday on the city's east side when an unarmed man grabbed her purse. Police say she ran after him, and he pushed her down. The Flint Journal reports two bystanders stopped the man and retrieved the woman's purse. The man tried to keep running but the woman's family held him until police arrived. Police say she delivered her baby later that day.

Florida woman flies plane on 90th birthday

PALM COAST, Fla. (AP)—A central Florida woman celebrated her 90th birthday by flying a four-seat Cessna. Billy Jones had to sit on a pillow to see out the windshield Tuesday, but she took off with flight instructor Kurt Schneider by her side and landed some 30 minutes later at Flagler County Airport. The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports the flight wasn't out of the ordinary for the 5-foot-tall Jones. For her 80th birthday, she went skydiving. When she turned 85, she flew a glider. She has also snorkeled with seals in the Galapagos Islands and gone on safari in Africa.

Officials beg pastor, strip club owner to end feud

COSHOCTON, Ohio (AP)—Officials are pleading for a pastor and an Ohio strip club owner to stop weekly protesting of each other's establishments over a years-long feud. The Coshocton Tribune reports the letter to New Beginnings Ministries Pastor Bill Dunfee and strip club owner Thomas George was signed by the city law director, the county prosecutor and the sheriff. Dunfee and men from the Warsaw church have protested outside the Foxhole North strip club in New Castle. The business has responded with Sunday morning protests outside the church, including a recent one by topless dancers. The letter says the feud is straining local law enforcement and hurting the community but acknowledges they can't legally be stopped from protesting.

Man at Texas Chick-fil-A pays $1K to treat diners

ABILENE, Texas (AP)—A generous customer has paid $1,000 to pick up the tab for diners in dozens of vehicles at the drive-thru lanes of a West Texas fast-food restaurant. KTXS-TV reports the man was in a white truck at a Chick-fil-A in Abilene on Monday night when he handed over the cash. The man in the drive-thru lane told employees he wanted to pay for everyone behind him for as long as the cash lasted. He told workers that his name is John, he just wanted to make everyone's Monday better and he handed over $100 bills—10 of them. The franchise owner, Brian LaCroix says the cash was enough to pay for drive-thru food for people in 88 vehicles over about an hour. The donor's identity remains unknown.

Man apologizes for drug-filled football toss

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—A Michigan man is apologizing for trying to throw a football loaded with drugs and cellphones into a state prison yard. Christen D. Moore on Wednesday called the June attempt "a thoughtless and immature decision." The Jackson Citizen Patriot reports the 22-year-old's comments came during his sentencing hearing, where he got 17 to 60 months on two counts of furnishing contraband to a prisoner. Investigators say the throw at G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility fell short, with the football landing between two fences. Police say the ball contained marijuana, suspected heroin and three cellphones.

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Job Description:
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Location:
- Saipan Aviation Depot, Northern Mariana Islands

Primary Job Functions:
- Executes and complies with ExxonMobil's systems controls, policies, and guidelines by using aviation manuals and procedures and adhering to government and industry standards.
- Manages, controls and administers product inventory, receipt storage and delivery to customers on time. Ensures that only clean, dry and on-specification fuel is delivered to aircraft safely and efficiently.
- Supervises and requests authorization to perform facility or equipment maintenance and repair to improve operations' safety and efficiency in the most economical manner.
- Oversees all aspects of aviation products, assets and materials used in a safe and efficient manner.
- Supervises the facility, employees and stewards contractors' adherence to required levels of performance on assigned duties during the shift. Recommends actions on equipment's maintenance and repairs to the Aviation Depot Superintendent.
- Responsible for recommending the materials listing of spare parts requirements and assists in repairs of specialty items as required.
- Reports current developments at the facility during his shift.

Qualifications:
- Experience in the safe handling, storage and movement of petroleum or related field.
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- Good interpersonal and communication skills, which includes being able to speak and write well in English

Preference will be given to candidates with the following skills:
- Experience in aviation operations.
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If you are interested in and/or meet the qualifications for this position, please submit your resume on or before October 03 , 2014.

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- Performs repairs on facility and equipment as directed by the Aviation Depot Supervisor.
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Science & Technology

Your (online) life after death

NEW YORK (AP)—Sure, you have a lot to do today—laundry, bills, dinner—but it's never too early to start planning for your digital afterlife, the fate of your numerous online accounts once you shed this mortal coil.

Facebook, Google, Twitter and other sites have different policies on dealing with dead users. Some states are also considering laws that would automatically give loved ones access to, though not control of, their dead relative's digital accounts, unless otherwise specified.

Unless you take action, you might not like the outcome: Would you want to give your spouse automatic access to your email correspondences? Should parents automatically be able to browse through a deceased child's online dating profile?

Now that you're mulling your eventual demise, here's a look at how some of the biggest Internet companies deal with deceased users' accounts and what you can do to control your information.

■ GOOGLE

The company behind Gmail and Google Plus has a tool that lets you decide what happens with your account after you die or become inactive online for another reason, such as moving to a deserted island off the grid with no Internet access. The tool is called "inactive account manager."

You can choose to have your data deleted after three, six or 12 months of inactivity. Or you can choose someone, such as a parent or a spouse, to receive the data. The tool covers not just email but also other Google services such as Google Plus, YouTube and Blogger.

Before deleting data, Google will send a warning to a secondary email address or a phone number if you have provided one. This, of course, won't help if you're dead. But you can also have that warning go to a loved one.

Google's inactive account manager: http://bit.ly/XuvgqD

■ FACEBOOK

The world's largest online social network doesn't give relatives access to dead people's accounts. Instead, loved ones can request for your account to be "memorialized" if you die. This means no one will be able to log in or modify any settings, such as adding or removing friends or deleting content. In addition, Facebook won't show the account in its "people you may know" section for suggesting friends and won't send birthday reminders.

Privacy settings from when you were alive will carry over, and those can't be changed. So if friends were able to post to your account's Timeline, they'll still be able to do so. The Timeline posts will be viewable by the same people who were able to see those posts before. Friends will also be able to send private messages, as long as they were able to before, even though no one will see them.

Facebook's page on deleting or memorializing accounts: http://on.fb.me/1cyCi5e

■ TWITTER

Twitter will deactivate your account if contacted by a family member or a person authorized to act on behalf of your estate. For this, the person will need a death certificate. Because many people don't use their real names on Twitter, the company will also want a "brief description of the details that evidence this account belongs to the deceased," its policy states.

After 30 days, a deactivated Twitter account is permanently deleted.

To respect the wishes of loved ones, Twitter says it may also remove images of deceased individuals that circulate on the site. The policy applies only in limited circumstances and was implemented recently, after some users sent altered images of Robin Williams to his daughter Zelda after the actor committed suicide in August.

The policy was also used to remove gruesome images of the beheading of journalist James Foley. The company's CEO Dick Costolo said last month, in reference to the Foley images, that Twitter "is actively suspending accounts as we discover them related to this graphic imagery."

Twitter contact page for family members of the dead: http://bit.ly/1w7cGaY

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO: 14-103

OPENING DATE: 09/10/14 **CLOSING DATE: 09/24/14**

POSITION AND SALARY: (1) Transit Operator (Bus/Van Driver)
Ungraded
$17,680.00 - $20,800.00 P/A

LOCATION: Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, Saipan Operations & Maintenance Section

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- Perform acceptance tests including, but not limited to the antenna and duplexer subsystems. Testing to include RL (Return Loss), DTF (Distance to Fault) and IM (Intermodulation) analysis. Call testing, drive testing, etc.
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- Perform computer based tasks, commission base station and ancillary equipment. Perform call testing, PC based service testing – using customer based proprietary software, Telnet, Command Line interface. Must possess strong computer skills.

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- Performs troubleshooting of the Headend.
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Life & Style

Top TV doc Dempsey makes name in sports-car racing

By DAN GELSTON
AP SPORTS WRITER

AP

In this June 14, 2014, file photo, Patrick Dempsey sits in his Porsche 911 RSR during a warm up session of the 82nd 24-hour Le Mans endurance race in Le Mans, western France.

Patrick Dempsey's character in "Can't Buy Me Love" spent all summer mowing lawns to save up for a telescope.

Dempsey didn't need the science instrument to set his sights on the object he really wanted: a Porsche 356.

With his first paycheck from the 1980s teen flick, Dempsey didn't go for any old beater, he went big and bought the classic 1963 Porsche.

And it wasn't something he did on a whim, but with a passion for the brand. Dempsey still owns and drives the Porsche, a luxury car he planned to keep in the family, especially for his kids who love going for long rides near the family home in California.

"It's fun to drive down the coast in that," Dempsey said. "That car is as so much fun to drive today as it was when it was first released."

Dempsey has long bypassed the highways for race courses across the country to follow his passion for racing. He formed Dempsey Racing in 2002 and had his first competitive driving experience in 2004. He made his debut in the GT series in 2007, and ever since has tried to balance the commitment of racing weekends with an active acting career that included movie roles in "Enchanted," and "Freedom Writers."

He's riding high after one of the best finishes of his career.

Dempsey and teammate Andrew Davis are coming off their first podium finish in the revamped sports car series after taking third in August at Virginia International Raceway.

Dempsey was set to race Saturday in the Lone Star Le Mans at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas. The 2-hour, 45-minute race is the penultimate round of the inaugural IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship.

Dempsey and Davis drive the No. 27 Dempsey Racing Porsche 911 GT America in the GT Daytona class.

"I'm a long time Porsche fan," Dempsey said. "There's a passion for it."

Dempsey's familiarity didn't help him when he ran into trouble during practice at Virginia; he swerved off course and made heavy contact with the tire barriers. The No. 27 was scraped and dented and needed a new rear-end clip.

"Any other track, you'd spin off and you wouldn't touch anything," Dempsey said. "That's part of the fun and challenge and excitement of the tracks. The guys had a lot of work to do. I put them in a very difficult position. But they rallied and did a phenomenal job."

Dempsey and Davis missed qualifying forcing the team to start in the back of the grid. Dempsey started the race and Davis raced into the top three during his stint and held his spot after a late caution could have wiped out a solid run.

"We had good calls, good track position and the race came our way," Dempsey said.

Drag queens dress down Facebook over names

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— San Francisco drag queens are sparring with Facebook over its policy requiring people to use their real names, rather than drag names such as Pollo Del Mar and Heklina. But the world's biggest social network is not budging from its rules.

In recent weeks, Facebook has been deleting the profiles of self-described drag queens and other performers who use stage names because they did not comply with the social networking site's requirement that users go by their "real names" on the site.

On Wednesday, Facebook declined to change its policy after meeting with drag queens and a member of the San Francisco board of supervisors. The company said is usually deletes accounts with fake names after investigating user complaints.

"This policy is wrong and misguided," said Supervisor David Campos, who was flanked by seven drag queens during a press conference at San Francisco City Hall.

The drag queens and others in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community say many Facebook account holders fear using their real names for a variety of reasons, including threats to their safety and employment.

"I have crazy family members who I don't want contacting me through Facebook," said a self-described drag queen who calls herself Heklina.

Facebook said it temporarily restored hundreds of deleted accounts for two weeks. After that they'll have to either change their name to their real name, or convert their profile to a fan page.

Campos and the drag queens, led by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence—a San Francisco group of drag performers and activists that's been around since 1979—say they plan another meeting with Facebook and are hopeful that the company will ultimately alter its policy.

If Facebook doesn't change its policy, the drag queens at San Francisco City Hall Wednesday said they would organize protests and boycotts.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- ROY ROGER KAIPAT and CASILDA I. KAIPAT, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0069 FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OFSALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 14, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1322, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat no. 011 G 24, dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 96-2567, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 28th day of August, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- HENRY SABLAN HOFSCHNEIDER and ELENA BABAUTA HOFSCHNEIDER, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0044 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 09, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 72, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat no. 002 G 03 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 90-1900, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 28th day of August, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff, v. CLARINDA BESONG aka CLARINDA B. HIDEO, Defendant.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0067 **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Default Judgment and Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 12, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendant in and to the following real property, located in Koblerville, Saipan, CNMI:

Leasehold estate created by a certain lease made by Ramon S. Salas and Elsa V. Salas, as lessor, to Clarinda Besong as lessee, dated July 27, 2001 and recorded on March 28, 2002 as Document No. 02-674 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan, the following described premises, to wit;

Lot 005 I 299 as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 05, the original of which was recorded 31 JULY 84 as Document No. 84-1364 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

1. **Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2014**, at the hour of **10:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI**. Registration for the auction sale will begin at 10:15 a.m.

2. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 16th day of September, 2014.

/s/ MICHELINE W. BREL, Auctioneer
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, Plaintiff, v. ALICE A. HOCOG, Defendant.	CIVIL ACTION NO.: 98-0194 (R) CIVIL ACTION NO.: 98-0132 (R) **AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Default Judgment issued by the Court in this matter on August 24, 1998 as well as the Motion to Appoint Auctioneer and Order entered by this Court on October 4, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendant in and to the following real property, located in Sinapalo, Rota, CNMI:

Lot 345 R 157, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 04, the original of which was recorded 19 DEC 1983 under File No. 83-383 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

1. **Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2014**, at the hour of **11:00 a.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI**. Registration for the auction sale will begin at 10:45 a.m.

2. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 17th day of September, 2014.

/s/ S. JOSHUA BERGER, Auctioneer
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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP14-BECQ-153

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2014 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"PERFORMANCE OF ASTM PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT FOR SOIL AND GROUNDWATER OF THE MASALOG RIDGE AREA SITE ON TINIAN, CNMI UNDER THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, BROWNFIELDS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE 104K GRANT PROGRAM"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **SEPTEMBER 19, 2014** AT THE DEQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO **raymasga@deq.gov.mp** DURING REGUALR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 08, 2014 AT 10:00A.M. IN THE 2ND FLOOR BECQ CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 205)

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MAY BE SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE TO MR. RAY MASGA, MANAGER AT (670) 664-8540 OR BY E-MAIL TO **raymasga@deq.gov.mp** NO LATER THAN THE **CLOSE OF BUSINESS, OCTOBER 10, 2014.** RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

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/S/ **FRANK M. RABAULIMAN**
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB14-DPS-149 (A-C) – CIF – SAIPAN/ROTA/TINIAN

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2014 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"PURCHASE OF THREE (3) FIRE PROOF SAFE CABINETS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"

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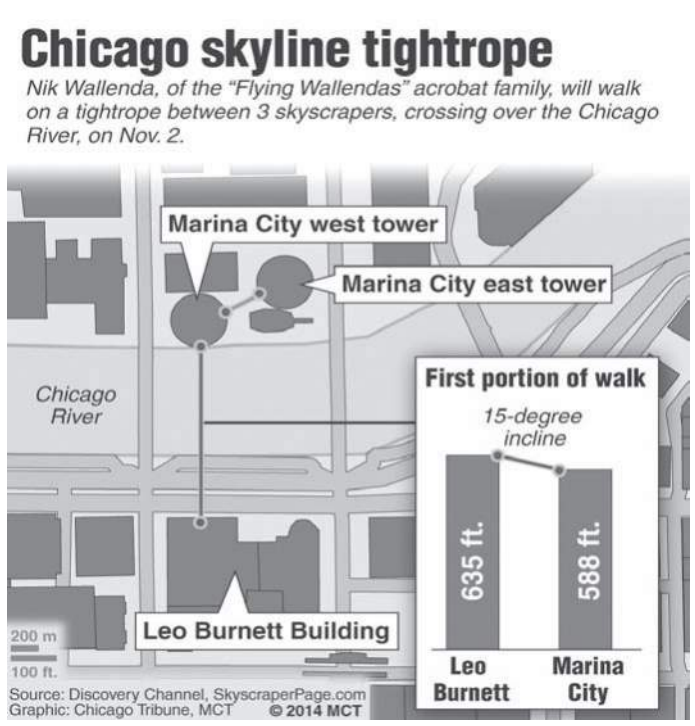
/S/ **JAMES C. DELEON GUERRERO**
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

Wallenda: Spectacle, legacy inspire Chicago walk

AP
Daredevil Nik Wallenda poses for a portrait on the roof of the Leo Burnett Building in downtown Chicago, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014.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CHICAGO (AP)—Nik Wallenda is all about spectacle, a showman who crossed Niagara Falls and an Arizona gorge on a high wire and now has his sights on Chicago's iconic skyscrapers—partly because of the city's reputation for being windy.

Never mind that many historians believe the Windy City nickname was coined because of blowhard politicians. The chance to tread between buildings 50 stories above the city and over the Chicago River—amid glittering lights and on live television aired in 220 countries—was just the kind of encore he was looking for, Wallenda said Wednesday, one day after announcing his Nov. 2 feat that will be broadcast on the Discovery Channel.

"I enjoy taking it up a notch," Wallenda, 35, a member of "The Flying Wallendas" family, told The Associated Press. "Chicago is home of the world's first skyscraper and my family is often referred to as the first family of the high wire. Then there's the Windy City ... which just sounds cool: Nik Wallenda is going to walk in the Windy City."

He plans to traverse between one of the city's Marina Towers, twin corncob-shaped buildings on the north side of the river, to the 635-foot-tall Leo Burnett Building, without a harness or net. It will be the second-highest walk of his career, after the Little Colorado River Gorge, near the Grand Canyon, and will be done at a 15-degree incline, steeper than any previous walk. Wallenda then will cross the river at ground level and make a second tightrope walk between Marina Towers.

Wallenda said weather always is his biggest challenge. So he'll practice at his training camp in Sarasota, Florida, with wind machines that can be cranked up to 120 mph—though he won't attempt the actual feat if winds are over 50 mph.

On the day of his walk, "it just becomes nothing but a mental game," he said. "I know I can walk the distance, I know I can walk on the cable ... I know I can walk uphill, but then there's the mental challenge and my mind wants to wander, like: What if it's cold? And what if it's wet and icy?"

Wallenda said he's had the full cooperation of city officials—Mayor Rahm Emanuel has said he supports the feat—though he still doesn't know if the city will waive a state law requiring a safety net. He said Chicago could benefit from the publicity.

"It's art to me," he said "I'm painting a picture, hopefully an inspirational picture (for people) that no matter what their dreams are that they can fulfill them ... as long as they work hard enough at it."

It's also about family tradition, and pushing the limits. Wallenda's grandfather, Karl Wallenda, died after falling from a tightrope in Puerto Rico in 1978.

"I just follow my heart and what I feel will be fascinating," said Wallenda. "I do what I feel will inspire and impress people;

Washington and Fuqua ride again in 'The Equalizer'

TORONTO (AP)—It's been a dozen years since Denzel Washington and director Antoine Fuqua rode the corrupt Det. Alonzo Harris and their Los Angeles crime odyssey "Training Day" to Oscar glory (for Washington) and a Hollywood breakthrough (for Fuqua).

"You look up, I didn't realize it was 12 years," says Washington. "That's quick. That's too fast."

In "The Equalizer," a very loose adaptation of the 1980s private eye TV series, Washington and Fuqua have finally reteamed, resuming a potent actor-director tandem. The film, which opens Sept. 26, has also kick-started further collaborations. They are planning a "Magnificent Seven" remake ("You don't get many shots at a Western," says Washington, grinning) and could return for a potential sequel to "The Equalizer."

You might expect the two to have an easygoing congeniality together, ready to expound on the success of their partnership. You would be wrong.

"You don't overthink it," says Washington, who is not prone to brooding or rumination. "You just do. It does, so do."

In `The Equalizer," Washington plays a bald widower living a Spartan life in Boston. He works at a hardware store and every night fastidiously drinks his tea at a local diner. But when a diner acquaintance (a prostitute played by Chloe Grace Moretz) gets involved with the Russian mafia, his proficiency with violence (not unlike it often is with Liam Neeson) is reawakened.

Washington's intensity, perhaps as it would be in any pairing with the veteran actor, is the dominate force between him and his director. Asked what appeals to Fuqua about working with Washington, the actor chuckles: "You want me to leave the room?"

"You work with somebody who's always challenging you and himself, and just wants you to be the best," answers Fuqua, whose credits since "Training Day" include the White House action flick "Olympus Has Fallen," the vigilante thriller "Shooter" and the period adventure "King Arthur." "Even if it's challenging, that's what brings the best out of you."

It's that pressurized tension that seems to most fuel Washington and Fuqua. They are, tellingly, both amateur boxers and share the same trainer. Greeted on a recent morning at the Toronto Film Festival where "The Equalizer" premiered, they were eagerly discussing the previous night's fight. Boxing metaphors peppered their conversation.

AP
U.S actor Denzel Washington, right, and director Antoine Fuqua pose for photographers during the photocall for his movie "The Equalizer", in Paris, Monday, Sept. 15, 2014.

Suspicions confirmed: proof of infidelity is found online

DEAR ABBY: I had suspicions my dad was cheating on my mom, and when she found a mysterious earring in the house one day, I knew I had to find the proof. I went into his iPad and checked his email/Facebook and IMs and found he apparently has a girlfriend. She works in his office and is also married with a family.

Dad found out I broke into his iPad and confronted me. Instead of apologizing for cheating on my mom, he told me I need to think about what I'm doing because I could be ruining a bunch of lives. He also made sure to tell me that by breaking into his iPad, I had broken the law.

I think I should tell my mom because she doesn't deserve this, but I'm not sure how to tell her. HELP!

FOUND THE PROOF IN GEORGIA

DEAR FOUND THE PROOF: There is a saying, "The best defense is a good offense." That's the playbook your father is following by trying to make you feel guilty for HIS transgression.

Because your mother found another woman's jewelry in her home, she may already have a hunch that something is wrong. It is not your job to save anybody's marriage. Tell your mother what you have discovered, because her marriage is threatened and she deserves to know so she can decide how she wants to handle it. Forewarned is forearmed.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Evan," and my mother do not get along. It began when our second child was born.

Mom came to help out, and she and Evan engaged in tense conversations concerning politics and religion. I asked them to please not talk about such things with each other, but they didn't listen. Two days after my arrival home with the baby, they had a huge argument and Mom walked out. She has never returned to our home.

Since then, I have never had a holiday with my parents, although I do travel once or twice a year with the kids to see them. Mom and Evan did come to an understanding when our third child was born, but that, too, ended in separation six months later.

I have tried asking them both to apologize or talk with each other, to no avail. I can't control either person, so what suggestions do you have to repair the relationship so I can have family holidays and get-togethers again?

IN THE MIDDLE IN COLORADO

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: From where I sit, you're not in the middle—your husband and your mother are on the OUTS. Much as you might wish differently, the only people who can fix this are the two of them. If they were more mature, they would, in the name of family harmony, agree to disagree.

Until they reorganize their priorities, you have no choice but to create your own family during holidays by getting together and celebrating with friends or other relatives if they are close by.

DEAR ABBY

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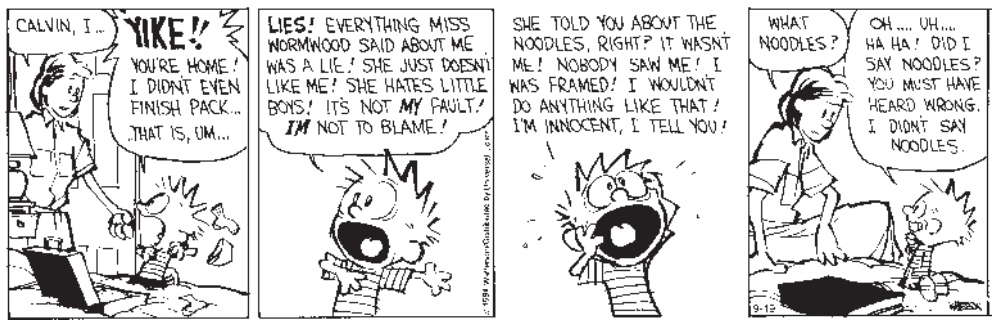
Pastimes

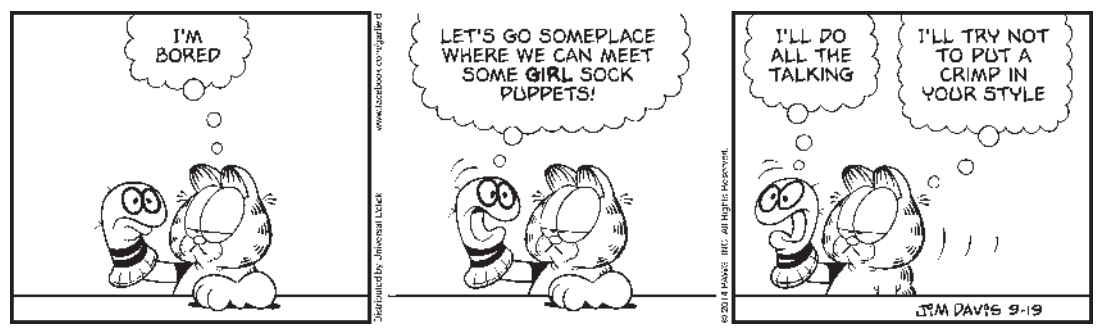
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


CALVIN, I...
YIKE!!
YOU'RE HOME! I DIDN'T EVEN FINISH PACK... THAT IS, UM...
LIES! EVERYTHING MISS WORMWOOD SAID ABOUT ME WAS A LIE! SHE JUST DOESN'T LIKE ME! SHE HATES LITTLE BONS! IT'S NOT MY FAULT! IM NOT TO BLAME!
SHE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE NOODLES, RIGHT? IT WASN'T ME! NOBODY SAW ME! I WAS FRAMED! I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT! I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YOU!
WHAT NOODLES?
OH.... UH.... HA HA! DID I SAY NOODLES? YOU MUST HAVE HEARD WRONG. I DIDN'T SAY NOODLES.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis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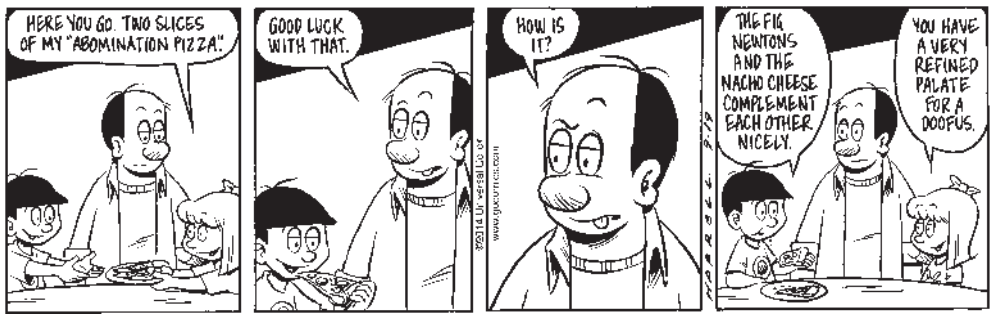
LET'S GO SOMEPLACE WHERE WE CAN MEET SOME GIRL SOCK PUPPETS!
I'LL DO ALL THE TALKING
I'LL TRY NOT TO PUT A CRIMP IN YOUR STYLE
JIM DAVIS 9-19

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
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YOU HAVE A VERY REFINED PALATE FOR A DOOFUS.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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4 — mater
8 Microwaves
12 Play- —
13 Ring out
14 Hebrew month
15 Comfy footwear
17 Vatican VIP
18 11th president
19 Winning
20 Buxom
22 Frilly, maybe
24 39-Down speaker
25 Change for the worse, e.g.
29 Goof up
30 Brilliantly colored
31 Dead heat
32 In the cards
34 "The Da Vinci —"
35 Advantage
36 Document
37 Zoo howler
40 Moist
41 Deserve
42 Strong-jawed turtles
46 Differently
47 Caffeine nut
48 Scoundrel
49 Antelope's playmate
50 Mid-month date
51 Agent

DOWN
1 Billboards
2 Scale member
3 FedEx clientele
4 Cider provider
5 Welsh emblem
6 Ruin the veneer
7 Hirt and Gore
8 Gentle breeze
9 Burn aid
10 Former larva
11 Coaster
16 Survey
19 Scored 100 on
20 On in years
21 Stallion's mate
22 Embankment
23 Eager, plus
25 Circle
26 Corks
27 Staffer
28 Villainous look
30 "Livin' La — Loca"
33 Sawbuck
34 Bivouac
36 Half a 1960s quartet
37 Pay attention
38 Eli's alma mater
39 Celtic tongue
40 Secluded valley
42 Tackle moguls
43 Affirmative action?
44 Knock
45 Unkempt dwelling

Solution time: 26 mins.

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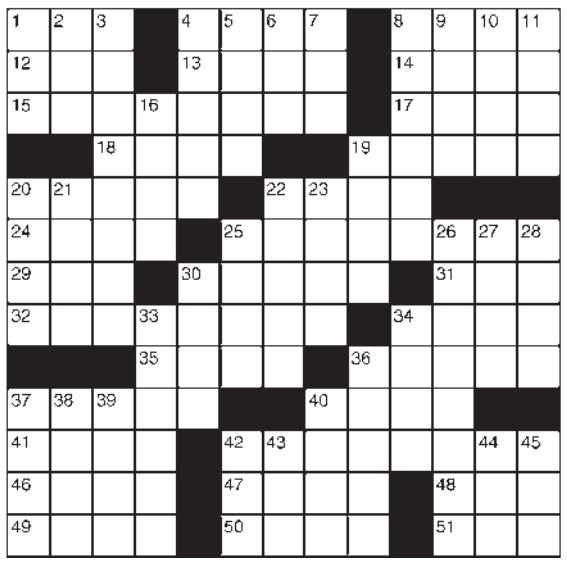
Yesterday's answer 9-19



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Set clear goals and pursue your destinations. Use your persuasive talent to get others onboard. A change in your financial situation will improve your standard of living. Don't be fooled by a con artist. Invest in you. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let a situation fester. The sooner you address trouble, the easier it will be to move forward. Don't let your stubborn attitude hold you back. Look at all sides of a situation and do what's best. Listen to good advice. ✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are on top of everything everyone is doing. Your ability to stay one step ahead will take you to a position of leadership. Don't let a personal incident throw you off your game. Look at the facts and keep moving forward. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make positive changes at home. Refuse to let what others do affect your mood or your decision to take care of what matters most to you. Home is where the heart is, and an inviting place will draw in the people you love. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your high energy and enthusiasm will draw onlookers. Be confident and do your thing. You will attract people who can help lead you to the path you decide to choose professionally. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do your best to help people in your neighborhood, community or family, and you will secure a position that will give you greater control. Pull in the people you find easiest to work with and you will be successful. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Open up about your plans and the way you see things unfolding, and you will draw positive attention and the help you need to move forward. A change of heart or plans will take you by surprise. The end result favors you. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Observe, but don't make a fuss. Jealousy will turn a situation sour. Focus on being successful. If you are fun to be with and you strive to do your best, everyone will want to be by your side. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have the upper hand if you stick to a budget, refrain from overdoing it and avoid exaggeration. Expect to be praised for your concise, effective way of doing things. Put aside time to be with loved ones. ✪✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Matters having to do with money, legal or health concerns should be dealt with quickly. Call in a favor if it will help your situation. Your intuition will help you make wise choices with regard to investments, contracts and legal matters. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Observation will reveal information that will help you make a good assessment of a situation that concerns your finances. Refuse to let anyone put restraints or demands on you or the choices you make to protect your assets and comforts. ✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do whatever it takes to improve your work situation. Being a team player and offering whatever you can to improve work efficiency will help you make a decision that can bring you greater security and satisfaction. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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	6						9	
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			7	9	1			
	5						2	
		4				1		

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/19

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	5	2	7	9	8	3	1	4
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5	2	7	1	4	9	6	3	8
1	9	6	8	7	3	5	4	2
3	8	4	6	2	5	1	7	9

Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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THE MOONS OF SATURN Solution: 7 letters

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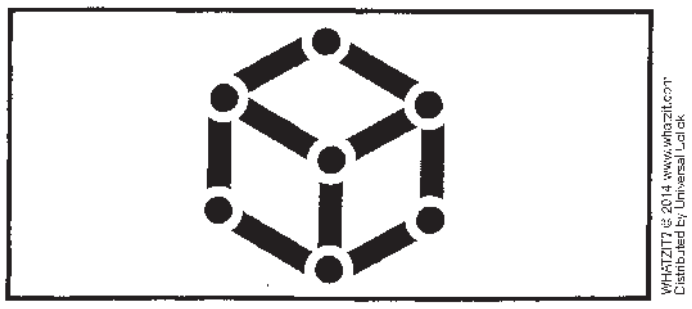

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To 'get it right,' Vikings put Peterson on leave

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)—Minnesota Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson was declared out, back in, then out again as he faces a felony child-abuse charge in Texas.

This time, he could be gone for the season.

"We made a mistake," Vikings owner Zygi Wilf said, "and we needed to get this right."

Vikings executives emerged Wednesday from a late-night deliberation to voice regret of their initial decision to let Peterson play this week after sitting him for a game once he was charged with injuring his 4-year-old son by spanking him with a wooden switch. Now Peterson is back on paid leave through a special roster exemption granted by the NFL, the same protocol cited by the Carolina Panthers as they sat defensive end Greg Hardy a few hours later while he deals with his own domestic violence case.

"We will support Adrian during this legal and personal process, but we firmly believe this is the right decision," said Wilf, the team's co-owner with younger brother Mark Wilf.

During a 17-minute news conference at Vikings headquarters, the word "right" was used a total of 34 times by the Wilfs, vice president Kevin Warren and general manager Rick Spielman. They expressed concern about child welfare, recognized their role as public figures and reminded the audience of the community service work done regularly by players.

The most emphatic responses, though, came to questions from reporters about external pressure.

Did the NFL strong-arm the decision? Did the loss of sponsorships drive it?

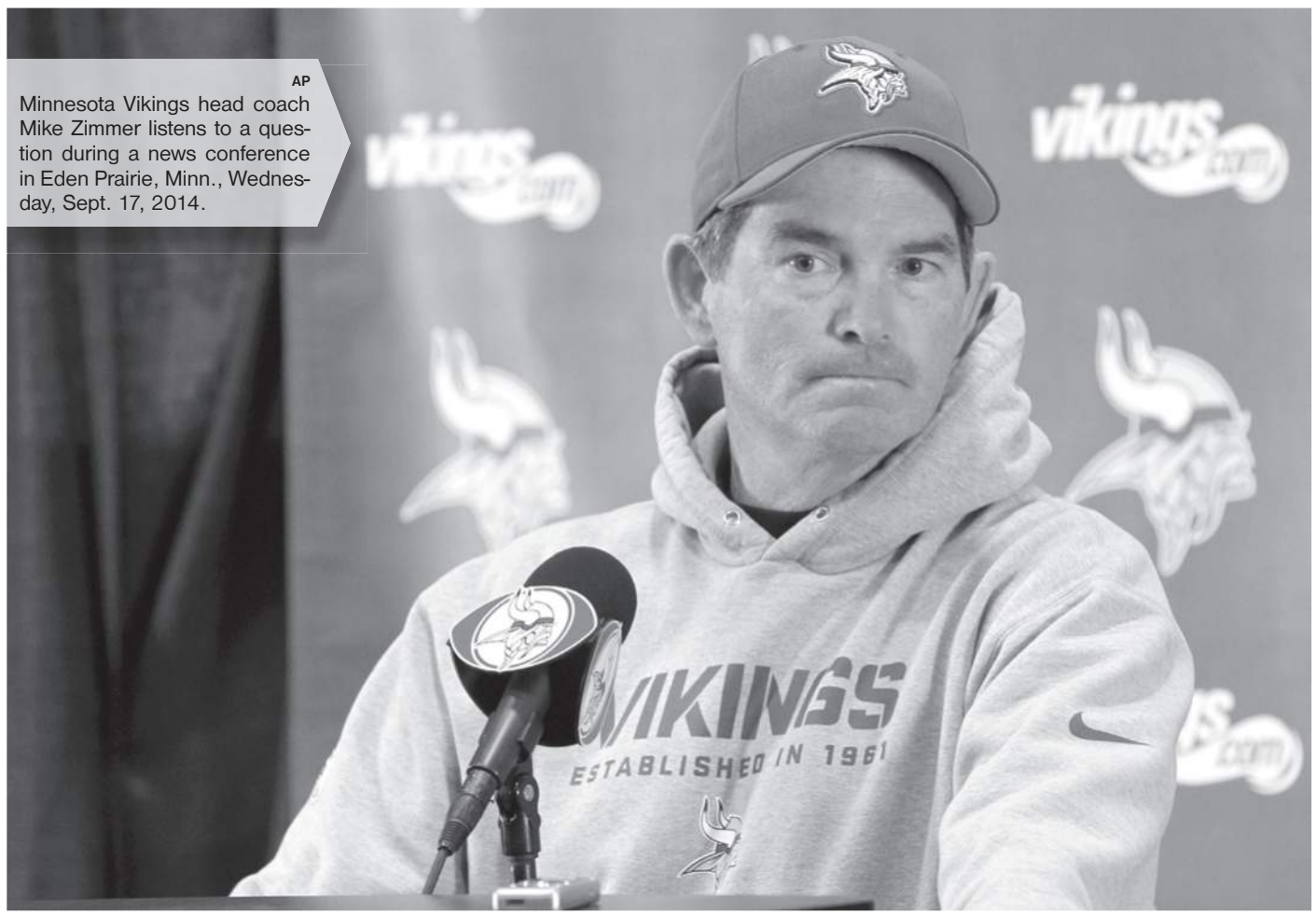
"Absolutely not," Mark Wilf, the team president, said on both subjects.

He added: "We appreciate our fans, men and women alike, our sponsors and the community. We hear their input."

Backlash was swift to the announcement Monday that Peterson would rejoin the Vikings after being held out Sunday. The Radisson hotel chain suspended its team sponsorship. Prominent NFL advertisers, including Anheuser-Busch, raised concern about recent off-the-field problems. Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton called for Peterson's suspension.

Picked for six Pro Bowls in his first seven seasons, Peterson's popularity took a huge hit. He was dropped this week from several of his endorsement deals. Shoe giant Nike suspended its sponsorship deal, saying it "in no way condones child abuse or domestic violence of any kind and has shared our concerns with the NFL."

"It is important to always listen to our fans and the community and our sponsors," Zygi Wilf said, at least vaguely contradicting his brother's denial that revenue had an impact on the decision to reverse course.



AP

Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer listens to a question during a news conference in Eden Prairie, Minn., Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014.

US Bank spokesman Dana Ripley said the company, a strong candidate for naming rights on the Vikings new stadium set to open in 2016, agreed with the decision to put Peterson on hiatus.

"We have been in close communication with the Vikings organization for the past couple of days firmly expressing our perspective," Ripley said.

Peterson's case remains under review per the league's personal conduct policy, spokesman Greg Aiello said, so a suspension could still be possible once resolution in court is reached. That's not expected until 2015. Peterson has an Oct. 8 court appearance scheduled in Montgomery County, outside of Houston.

His attorney, Rusty Hardin, said the case "will be up to a judge and jury to decide, which is the way it should be," indicating a plea deal was not in the works.

The 29-year-old Peterson said he was administering the same type of discipline he experienced growing up and didn't meant to hurt his son. Peterson also said he's met with a psychologist and acknowledged alternatives "that may be more appropriate" than corporal punishment.

His mother, Bonita Jackson, told the Houston Chronicle that she and his father used switches and belts to occasionally spank all of their children.

"Most of us disciplined our kids a little more than we meant sometimes," said Jackson, who has not returned messages from The Associated Press. "But we were only trying to prepare them for the real world. When you whip those you love, it's not about abuse, but love."

The exempt list, which allows the Vikings to fill Peterson's spot on the 53-man roster while retaining his rights, is available "only in unusual circumstances," according to NFL policy. Commissioner Roger Goodell has the sole authority to grant the exemption—or lift it.

The NFL Players Association characterized Peterson's status as "voluntary leave," in issuing a statement of support. His agent, Ben Dogra, told The Associated Press the decision was "the best possible outcome given the circumstances."

But the team wanted to make clear it made the call.

"The Minnesota Vikings are the ones that initiated this process," Warren said.

Montgomery County prosecutor Phil Grant said an NFL official asked Monday for any investigative documents in the Peterson case. Grant said he offered the grand jury indictment that was made public Saturday but did not share any other items such as photos, interviews or police reports. Warren, the team's chief administrative officer, said he personally reviewed evidence in the case and that the Vikings are "in a perpetual state of gathering as much information" as possible.

Spielman didn't directly answer questions about whether releasing Peterson was considered or if he would play for the Vikings again. Peterson's salary for 2014 is $11.75 million. His contract doesn't expire until after the 2017 season, but the Vikings could cut him for a minimal salary-cap hit or at least restructure the deal.

"We are going to let the legal process and his personal matters take care of themselves, and he will remain on this exempt list until that is accomplished," said Spielman, who spent time with Peterson on Tuesday.

"Adrian is an unselfish person and saw all of the light that was coming on this, and he felt ... that by him stepping back it would give our football team and opportunity to focus on football," Spielman said.

Peterson's teammates and coaches tried to focus on preparations for Sunday's game at New Orleans, though one player called the decision unfair.

"I think he should be able to play. He hasn't been convicted of anything," cornerback Captain Munnerlyn said.

The Vikings will have to put those feelings aside for now.

"I love Adrian Peterson. I feel for him that he's going through this because I think that he's one of my guys," coach Mike Zimmer said. "I believe in this situation where everything is, this is the right way to go."

Cardinals' Dwyer arrested on assault charges

PHOENIX (AP)—Arizona Cardinals running back Jonathan Dwyer was arrested Wednesday on aggravated assault charges in connection with two altercations at his home in July involving a woman and their 18-month-old child, the latest in a string of such cases involving NFL players.

The Cardinals said they became aware of the situation Wednesday and are cooperating with the investigation.

"Given the serious nature of these allegations we have taken the immediate step to deactivate Jonathan from all team activities," the team said in a statement.

The NFL said the case will be reviewed under the league's personal-conduct policy.

One of the counts was "aggravated assault causing a fracture" involving the 27-year-old victim, whom they did not identify. Police said they were carrying out a search warrant of Dwyer's residence in pursuit of more evidence.

Police said that in interviews with detectives, the 25-year-old player denied committing any assault.

There was no reply to telephone message left for Dwyer's agent, Adisa Bakari, seeking comment Wednesday.

Authorities depicted a stormy relationship between Dwyer and the woman that escalated into violence on July 21, four days before the Cardinals reported to training camp.

Neighbors heard a fight and called police, who showed up at the residence but left without making an arrest because Dwyer hid in the bathroom and the woman said no one else was at the home, Sgt. Trent Crump said.

"She said she was in an argument on the phone only," Crump said.

The next day, Crump said, Dwyer snatched the woman's cellphone and threw it from the second floor of their residence to prevent her from calling police about another dispute.

Crump confirmed there was an allegation that Dwyer threw a shoe at or toward his son. Crump said he couldn't elaborate on it.

Crump said the woman moved out of state with the child, but came forward last week and provided police with information about her injuries and text messages indicating Dwyer "was going to harm himself because of what had been going on."

The NFL has been rocked by domestic violence issues ever since a videotape surfaced that showed former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice knocking out his then-fiancee in an Atlantic City, New Jersey, elevator. Then Minnesota Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson was indicted on felony child-abuse charges. On Wednesday, the Carolina Panthers decided that star defensive end Greg Hardy will not play any more games for the team until his domestic violence case is resolved.

Hardy was convicted of assault on a female and communicating threats after the victim said the 6-foot-4, 275-pound player threw her in the bathtub and onto a sofa covered with guns before threatening to kill her. Hardy is appealing the ruling.

Critics have been calling for NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's resignation for his handling of Rice's case. Rice was originally suspended for two games, then banned indefinitely after the video surfaced of his attack in the casino elevator.

This is the second domestic violence case involving a Cardinals player. Inside linebacker Daryl Washington pleaded guilty to assaulting his ex-girlfriend and is serving a year of supervised probation. Washington has not yet been penalized by the NFL for the offense but is suspended for this season for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Dwyer was led into the jail in handcuffs to be booked on counts that include aggravated assault causing a fracture and involving a minor, criminal damage and preventing the use of a phone in an emergency.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, which runs the jail, said Dwyer has refused all media interviews.

Dwyer signed with the Cardinals this year and was their second-string running back after spending the last four seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He scored a touchdown last week in Arizona's victory over the New York Giants.

His best year for Pittsburgh was 2012 when injuries depleted the team's backfield in the middle of the season and Dwyer filled in and had 100-yard-plus games in consecutive weeks.

Dwyer, from Marietta, Georgia, was a sixth-round draft pick of the Steelers out of Georgia Tech in 2010.

Angels beat Mariners 5-0, win AL West title

ANAHEIM, California (AP)—The Los Angeles Angels clinched the American League West title Wednesday, getting seven dominant from C.J. Wilson in a 5-0 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

C.J. Cron hit a three-run homer for the major league-leading Angels (95-57), who wrapped up their first division crown since 2009 when Oakland lost to Texas about an hour after Los Angeles' game ended.

The Angels had already secured a playoff spot Monday. They have won 12 of 14.

Rockies 16, Dodgers 2

In Denver, Justin Morneau equaled a season high with six RBIs—five in an eight-run first inning against spot starter Carlos Frias—as the Colorado Rockies routed the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The loss left the NL West-leading Dodgers two games ahead of San Francisco.

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, pinch-hitter Matt Duffy had a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning for San Francisco.

Duffy's one-out hit came on a full count against closer Addison Reed (1-6). Pablo Sandoval walked with one out, Brandon Crawford singled for his fourth hit and pinch-hitter Brandon Belt walked, setting up Duffy.

Yankees 3, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Derek Jeter ended an 0-for-28 slump that was the second-worst of his career as New York beat Tampa Bay.

The retiring Yankees captain lined a single off Alex Cobb leading off the sixth inning. Jeter had an 0-for-32 stretch in April 2004.

Jeter, who lives in nearby Tampa, went 1 for 4 and scored a run in his final game at Tropicana Field. He got a loud ovation from the announced crowd of 26,332 before grounding out in his last at-bat in the seventh.

Angels 5, Mariners 0

In Anaheim, California, C.J. Wilson pitched seven dominant innings of one-hit ball and C.J. Cron hit a three-run homer as the Angels moved to the brink of the AL West title with a victory over Seattle.

The major league-leading Angels (95-57) reduced their magic number to one in their division race with the Oakland Athletics. Los Angeles will clinch its first AL West title since 2009 with one more victory or one loss by the A's.

Royals 6, White Sox 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Lorenzo Cain hit a three-run homer as Kansas City roughed up Chicago ace Chris Sale to cut Detroit's AL Central lead to a half-game.

The Royals will face the Tigers in a weekend series in Kansas City.

Alcides Escobar also homered for a Royals offense that had been scuffling for weeks, and Nori Aoki went 3 for 4 to finish with 11 hits in the series. Yordano Ventura (13-10) allowed three hits and two walks over seven innings, the lone run off him coming on a sacrifice fly.

Twins 8, Tigers 4

In Minneapolis, Danny Santana tripled, doubled and drove in two runs as the Minnesota beat Detroit.

Kyle Gibson (12-11) recovered from a rough start to pitch Minnesota to its second straight win.

Cardinals 2, Brewers 0

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright posted his 19th win, pitching a shutout as St. Louis beat Milwaukee to hold its 2 1/2-game edge in the NL Central.

Wainwright (19-9) worked around seven hits and tied for the major league lead in wins and shutouts.

St. Louis has won four of five and kept its advantage over second-place Pittsburgh. Milwaukee dropped 2 1/2 games behind the Pirates for the second NL wild-card spot.

Indians 2, Astros 0

In Houston, Carlos Carrasco threw a two-hitter with a career-high 12 strikeouts to lead Cleveland past Houston.

Yan Gomes had an RBI single in the fourth inning and a run-scoring triple in the sixth.

Carrasco (8-5) walked one in his first career complete game. His previous best for strikeouts was 10 on Sept. 2 at Detroit, and his longest outing had been 8 2-3 innings on Sept. 7 at the Chicago White Sox.

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 1

In Baltimore, Steve Pearce homered twice and drove in four runs as AL East champion Baltimore beat Toronto for a three-game sweep.

Pearce hit a solo shot in the third inning and a three-run drive in the fifth. He has 20 homers this year, three more than the 31-year-old had previously in his entire career. Pearce, who also connected Tuesday night in the division-clinching victory, has seven RBIs in his last two games.

Pirates 9, Red Sox 1

In Pittsburgh, Gregory Polanco, Neil Walker and Ike Davis homered as Pittsburgh beat Boston to maintain its grip on the second National League wild-card spot.

Polanco and Walker hit solo homers off Boston starter Clay Buchholz (8-9) and Davis drilled a three-run shot to center off Steven Wright. The Pirates have won 10 of 12.

Francisco Liriano (6-10) won his third straight start, allowing one run in six innings. The left-hander has given up two runs or less in 11 of his 12 starts since the All-Star break.

Braves 3, Nationals 1

In Atlanta, three runs scored on Christian Bethancourt's single in the sixth inning as Atlanta beat Washington, a day after the Nationals wrapped up the NL East title.

Steven Souza Jr. hit his first career homer for the Nationals.

Alex Wood (11-10) allowed one run on five hits with eight strikeouts in six innings. Craig Kimbrel pitched a perfect ninth for his 44th save, his first since Sept. 6.

Cubs 3, Reds 1

In Chicago, Kyle Hendricks kept up his impressive rookie season, pitching seven strong innings to help Chicago beat Cincinnati for a series sweep.

Chris Valaika, Ryan Kalish and Luis Valbuena each had a run-scoring hit as the Cubs won their third straight. They improved to 38-36 at Wrigley Field despite being 16 games under .500 overall.

The Reds have dropped four in a row overall. They scored just one run in the three-game series against the Cubs, and were held to one hit in a shutout loss Tuesday night.

Rangers 6, Athletics 1

In Oakland, California, Sean Doolittle allowed a three-run homer to J.P. Arencibia during a six-run ninth inning as Oakland to last-place Texas.

It was the fourth blown save in 25 chances for Doolittle (1-4) this season.

The bearded closer's meltdown on the mound negated a stellar start by Jeff Samardzija and ended Oakland's two-year reign as AL West champions. The Los Angeles Angels clinched the division with a 5-0 win over Seattle and the loss by the A's.

Marlins 4, Mets 3

In New York, Henderson Alvarez ended a three-start winless streak as Miami beat New York to finish a trying 10-game trip in which they lost All-Star slugger Giancarlo Stanton to a season-ending injury when he was hit in the face by a pitch.

The Marlins built a 3-0 lead in the first two innings against Dillon Gee (7-8) and held on to open a two-game lead over the Mets for third place in the NL East. New York (73-80) must go 8-1 to avoid a sixth straight losing season, one shy of the franchise record.

Phillies 5, Padres 2

In San Diego, Cole Hamels dominated San Diego again as Philadelphia beat the Padres, ending a three-game losing skid.

Hamels (9-7) struck out nine in seven innings and allowed a run as he scattered seven hits and a walk. It marked Hamel's 21st straight start in which he was charged with three runs or less.

Over that span he is 8-4 with a 1.86 ERA. Only the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw (1.26) has a better ERA.

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US basketball reigns in Spain, awaits Rio Olympics

MADRID (AP) — It feels like so long ago, though it's been only a decade.

The U.S. was the three-time defending Olympic champion, but had become a mess of a basketball program. The Americans had embarrassed themselves at home in the 2002 world championship, and when they haphazardly put together their team for the 2004 Olympics, nobody should have been surprised if they lost.

That's exactly what happened. Puerto Rico blew them out 92-73 in their opener.

Now the Americans run perhaps the most stable program in the world, gold medalists at both the men's and women's, senior and junior levels. Yet Mike Krzyzewski will prepare as if their opener in Rio de Janeiro is as uncertain as the one in Athens.

"I think we can lose our next game," Krzyzewski said. "I mean, that's the way we prepare because we know how good everyone is."

The Americans are the best, proving that again with a 129-92 victory over Serbia on Sunday to win the Basketball World Cup.

That gave the U.S. consecutive world titles to go with its back-to-back Olympic gold medals. The Americans have won with powerhouse rosters in the Olympics and beatable ones in the worlds, and they could go to Brazil with their best one yet.

LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul would be welcomed back if they want a shot at a third straight Olympic gold. Kevin Durant and Kevin Love might want to return after pulling out this summer. And there are plenty of guys on this year's team who showed they will earn consideration, from tournament MVP Kyrie Irving and fellow guards James Harden, Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, to forwards Anthony Davis and Kenneth Faried.

And don't forget how much better Derrick Rose could be in two years after struggling during this tournament in his return after missing most of the last two seasons following two knee operations.

If nobody could beat a depleted U.S. team this summer, how could anyone touch that team in 2016?

"If we come back with a lack of focus," Curry said.

"We can't take anything for granted. This is big-time competition, teams recharge and refuel in these two years and get ready for the Olympics. So if we — whatever group suits up and flies down to Brazil for the Olympics — if we're not prepared with the same mentality that we had here and Istanbul and London and Beijing, we're capable of being beaten. So we have to come with that same focus and energy that we did and keep this dominance going."

This was supposed to be the summer where it could end. Spain had nearly beaten stronger U.S. teams in the last two Olympic gold-medal games, and this time would have homecourt advantage and a roster of all the players it wanted while the Americans would settle for whoever would come.

Another matchup in the gold-medal game was widely expected until France stunned the Spaniards in the quarterfinals.

"Spain's a magnificent program, a magnificent team, and it just takes one bad day. One bad day. And so what we're trying to do is make sure we don't have bad days," Krzyzewski said. "And so far it's worked out."

The Americans have had only one under Krzyzewski and USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo, a loss to Greece in the semifinals of the 2006 world championship, their first tournament. They have won 63 straight, counting exhibitions, and are 74-1 since Colangelo took control and revamped the program.

The U.S. always had the best possible talent, even when it was losing six times between 2002 and '04. Now the Americans may also have the best leadership and infrastructure, and it's made the gap with the rest of the world seem larger than ever.

There will be 11 spots open in 2016, assuming Colangelo sticks to his previous plan to save a spot for Paul George, who broke his right leg during training for this tournament. It's hard to envision any challenger to whatever team is picked, with Spain and Argentina getting old, and Serbia and Lithuania maybe a little young. Maybe France, which followed last year's European title with a bronze in Madrid even without Tony Parker, could be the team if the San Antonio Spurs point guard returns.

But even after watching this team average 104.6 points and win by 33 per game, Krzyzewski will insist it's possible.

"I think one of the reasons we've won is because we do have that respect. We know how good everyone is. It's beautiful basketball," he said. "We prepare like crazy and we learned from the international community. We get better."

Fundraising golf tournament on Sunday

The Marianas Golf Association will be holding its September Ace of the Month tournament on Sunday at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Course in San Antonio.

The tournament fee is $75 and it will start at 12 noon after the 11am final registration and show time.

The MGA's Ace of the Month also serves as a medical referral fundraising event to support Anesta P. David, the daughter of Eric F. David and Tania P. David.

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SLLB general membership meeting Oct. 4

Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. is inviting all managers, coaches, parent, and interested individuals to attend its general membership meeting on Oct. 4 at 9pm at the pavilion inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

Election of the board members for the 2015-2016 season will take place at the meeting, while other details of the upcoming league will be discussed, too in next month's gathering. ***(SLLB)***

GOODELL

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owners who split revenues approaching $10 billion a year fear more than anything. A light went on in the middle of the night in Minnesota, and owners Zygi and Mark Wilf reversed themselves.

Peterson won't play this week, and there's a good chance he won't play at all the rest of the season as he deals with child abuse charges in Texas.

"We made a mistake and we need to get this right," Zygi Wilf said at a hastily called press conference.

The Vikings owners aren't alone. The NFL has been doing nothing but making mistakes since the first video surfaced of Janay Palmer lying unconscious in the doorway of an Atlantic City casino elevator.

Unfortunately, as shown with how the Peterson situation was handled, it has yet to get much right.

Usually that wouldn't matter. The league is Teflon coated, so popular that even the sight of former players punch drunk from their playing days doesn't stop people from watching.

That's not going to change because of the uproar over domestic violence with the airing of the Rice video. It won't change because Peterson has been charged with felony child abuse, and pictures of his son with injuries that went way beyond a simple spanking circulate on the Internet.

Ratings in prime time were the best ever opening week, and 22 million people watched San Francisco play Chicago on Sunday night, even while Goodell was absent from his planned appearance at the regular-season opening of the billion dollar new stadium of the 49ers.

Men and women alike wore Rice jerseys to opening night in Baltimore despite a trade-in program to rid the stands of them. And in Minnesota a woman wearing a Peterson jersey even brought a tree branch to carry around at a Sunday tailgate party.

Must have been a hoot yukking it up with others while drinking their official league-sanctioned Bud Lights. Best yet, the Halloween costume for this year already taken care of.

Through it all, Goodell remains incommunicado, waiting for the perfect storm he could have never imagined blows over before getting back to earning his $44 million a year. His job seems safe, with billionaire owners falling over themselves to offer their continued support for a commissioner that has helped nearly double the value of their franchises during his time in office.

But at a time when public leadership is needed most, Goodell is missing in action. He has had little to offer about the Rice uproar other than a few interviews that were quickly outdated and a few appointments that were quickly panned. And he hasn't said anything publicly about Peterson.

Not a word of outrage over the injuries the boy suffered. Not a word of caution to players that even if you were brought up this way, in today's world you don't beat your children.

Surely Goodell has seen the pictures of the injuries suffered by Peterson's son. It can't be that he's waiting for video of the star running back with tree branch raised high, like he did with Rice before finally taking some serious action.

While he's at it, the commissioner might want to tell us why Greg Hardy played for Carolina in the first game of the season despite his July 15 conviction of assault on a female and communicating threats. Hardy was finally placed on the exempt-commissioner's permission list Wednesday, just hours after Peterson was added.

Call a press conference. Take all questions, and try to answer them honestly.

Drop the arrogance. Display some humility.

Above all, make the millions of people who love everything about the NFL understand two simple things:

Real men don't hit women. And they don't beat defenseless children, either.

DYS

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of free throws and the visiting team never scored in twin digits in the last three quarters to absorb a big loss in their debut.

While the Tinian Ol'Aces bled for points, the Rollers had little problems on offense, as it had multiple players scoring in each quarter. Eight players made it to the board for the Rollers with Jude Tengco and Dela Cruz leading the team with 8 points each. Jerome Reyes was the top scorer for Tinian Ol'Aces with his 5 markers.

Dream Team routs Star Magic

Meanwhile, in the lone U21 match last Wednesday, Dream Team outshone Star Magic, 79-59.

Dream Team broke the game wide open in the third period, turning a 35-23 halftime lead to a 59-33 margin to have an impressive debut in the eight-team division. The trio Dixon Kwon, Richard Ada, and Leonard Sablan teamed up in the breakaway combining for 19 of their 24 points in the third period. Kwon scored 7 points, while Ada and Sablan chipped in 7 apiece.

Ada kept going in the fourth period, adding 8 more markers to finish the match with a team-high 16 points. Kwon also had double figures with his 15, while Sablan and Jason Palacios contributed 11 and 12, respectively, to give Dream Team a good start.

Dick David paced Star Magic with his 19 points, but was held to two field goals in the fourth quarter where his team failed to make enough headway to cut the deficit to a decent number.

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Rollers 55 – Dela Cruz 8, Tengco 8, Ogumoro 6, Cobacha 4, Mamaril 4, Factor 4, Alonzo 4, Kisa 4.

Tinian Ol'Aces 15 – Reyes 5, Hofschneider 4, B. Zhu 2, A. Zhu 2, King 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-2, 30-6, 41-11, 55-15.

Second Game

DYS Projects 21 – Alipio 8, Itaas 7, Ogasawara 2, Apasan 2, Soriano 2.

Ol'Aces 16 – Sablan 4, Ada 4, Pua 2, Manglona 2, Reyes 2, Rony 2.

Scoring by quarters: 2-4, 4-8, 8-16, 21-16.

WEDNESDAY

Dream Team 79 – Ada 16, Kwon 15, Palacios 12, Sablan 11, Camacho 7, Rabauliman 4, Santy 2.

Star Magic 49 – David 19, Muleta 8, Manzano 4, Quemado 4, Pena 4, Espinosa 2, Tala 2, Nava 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-8, 35-23, 59-33, 79-49.

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and the high altitude no one had fast times in the first marathon.

"On Day 1, there was a road climb in the last 4 miles and Mami ended up walking much of it. Day 2 was flatter, hence 40 minutes faster," said Joshua, who also raced in the EB Marathon and timed in at 2:26:00 in the half marathon and did the one-mile swim in the cold Lake Tahoe (62 degrees) and placed third overall with his 35:56.6.

Also at Lake Tahoe, Oshima-Berger was supposed to join her third straight marathon, but bad headaches prevented her from doing so and instead she ran with her husband in the 10K event of the same competition. The husband-and-wife tandem crossed the finish line under the one hour mark after timing in at 58 minutes.

"I just could not handle the bad headaches so I decided to run the 10K with Joshua instead of completing the triple race (EB Marathon, California-Nevada Marathon, and Lake Tahoe Marathon)," Oshima-Berger said.

"All races were at about 7,000 feet so the hills took our breath away. Flats were fine," Joshua added.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Baltimore	92	60	.605	—
New York	77	74	.510	14½
Toronto	77	74	.510	14½
Tampa Bay	74	79	.484	18½
Boston	66	86	.434	26

Central Division

Detroit	84	68	.553	—
Kansas City	83	68	.550	½
Cleveland	78	73	.517	5½
Chicago	69	83	.454	15
Minnesota	65	87	.428	19

West Division

x-Los Angeles	95	57	.625	—
Oakland	83	68	.550	11½
Seattle	81	70	.536	13½
Houston	67	85	.441	28
Texas	59	92	.391	35½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Washington	87	64	.576	—
Atlanta	76	76	.500	11½
Miami	74	77	.490	13
New York	73	80	.477	15
Philadelphia	70	82	.461	17½

Central Division

St. Louis	84	68	.553	—
Pittsburgh	81	70	.536	2½
Milwaukee	79	73	.520	5
Cincinnati	71	82	.464	13½
Chicago	68	84	.447	16

West Division

Los Angeles	86	66	.566	—
San Francisco		84	68	.5532
San Diego	70	81	.464	15½
Arizona	62	90	.408	24
Colorado	61	91	.401	25

x-clinched division

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SIS White still unbeaten in middle school v'ball

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Last year's finalist Saipan International School White is still undefeated in the middle school division of the 2014-2015 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Volleyball League after last Wednesday's games.

The Geckos improved to a 2-0 record after sweeping sister team SIS Blue last Wednesday at the SIS court in As Lito. SIS White secured the early victory after cruising past SIS Blue in the first two sets, 25-10, 25-5. In the third set, last year's finalist completed a perfect run after a 15-8 victory. Teams are still allowed to play the third set even if one team had already won the match after two sets to give players more time to play.

Before meeting its sister squad, SIS White first dueled Seventh Day Adventist last week and also swept SDA in three sets. The Geckos, who lost to Whispering Palms in last year's finale, dominated SDA in the opening set, 25-14 before the latter gave SIS a good fight in the second, 25-21. The third set was another tough battle with SIS White still prevailing, 15-11.

Meanwhile, Whispering Palms started its title defense with a convincing win over SIS Blue last week. The defending champion coasted to a 25-6 victory in the first set and notched the early win after a 25-4 triumph in the second set. In the third set, SIS Blue played their best game, but Whispering Palms still took the win, 15-9.

In other results last week, Grace Christian Academy also defeated SIS Blue, 25-13, 25-4, 15-8. GCA was scheduled to duel Mount Carmel School in the opening week of the eight-team league, but results of that match at the Knights court in Chalan Kanoa were unavailable at press time, while the SDA versus Saipan Community School match was rescheduled due to rain.

Majority of the matches in the opening week of the middle school competition were reset due to unplayable weather. In yesterday's matches, SIS White was hoping to extend its winning run to three against Mt. Carmel, while SIS Blue was aiming to barge into the win column in is game against MBA. Two more matches were scheduled yesterday with Saipan Community slated to challenge Whispering Palms and GCA paired against SDA.

The eight participating teams will play in a double-round robin regular season, while playoff format will be announced after the elimination.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The SIS White team and coach Mili Saiki, standing right, pose for a photo after beating sister squad SIS Blue in the middle school division of the COPSSA volleyball league last Wednesday at the SIS court in As Lito.

PIC, Shirley's go for all the marbles

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan and Shirley's-Century Hotel try to outsmart each other in the knockout title match in the 2014 the Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League tonight at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Game time is at 7:30pm after the two games played in the ongoing Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Basketball League.

Both teams, which had to wait for more than one week to finally settle the score, are hoping to end the season with the title in tow with Shirley's also aiming to avenge its sorry 75-73 loss to PIC in the elimination round.

PIC finished the single-elimination round tied with Fiesta Resort with 5-1 slates, but the latter beat the former to clinch the top ranking. Shirley's ended up fourth behind World Resort.

Former Saipan Southern High School standouts Jack Aranda and Bryl Alegre are expected to lead PIC's title bid after posting double-digit averages in the playoffs.

Aranda was the most consistent PIC cager with a 19.3 points per game average in the playoff round that included a 20-point explosion in an 89-55 demolition of Fiesta Resort, while Alegre normed 14.6 markers per outing.

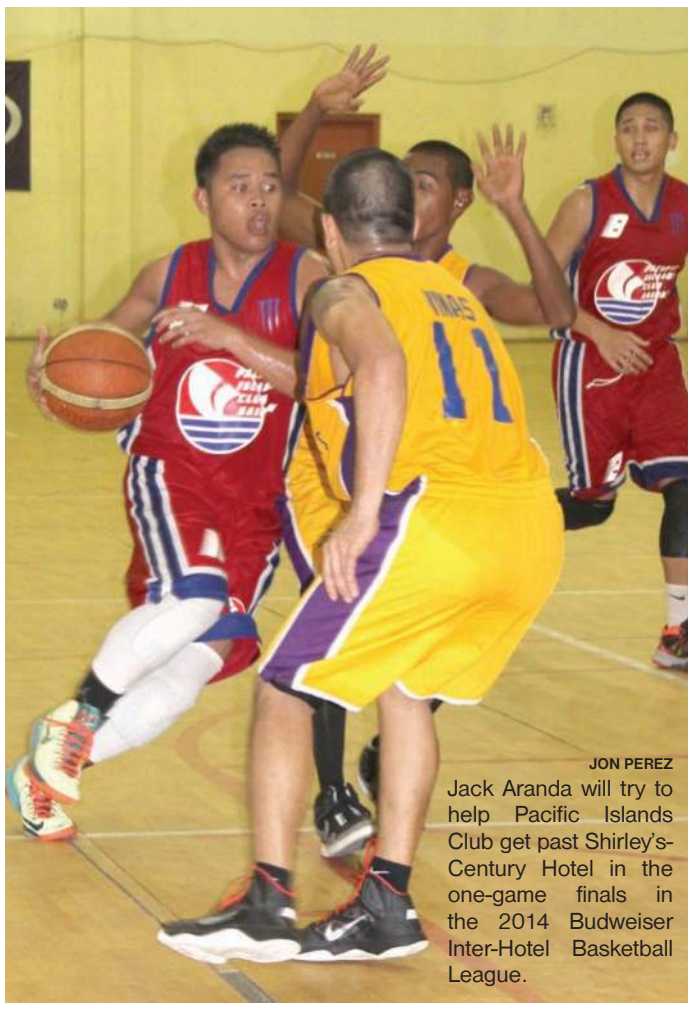
Veterans James Abuy and Darwin Barbo and another SSHS alumnus Jun Del Rosario are expected to provide additional scoring support.

Abuy logged in 12 points per game in the playoffs and even scored 23 in the South team's 93-91 decision over the Northern squad in last week's Inter-Hotel All-Start match.

The Shirley's trio of Shawn Rabasto, Rommel Usi, and Erick Dela Rosa are hoping to counter PIC's offensive production to complete their own title bid.

Rabasto and Usi had a combined per game average of 26.9 points in the playoffs with the former also acting up as the guiding force in Shirley's offensive plays.

Dela Rosa, meanwhile, averaged 12.3 a game in the playoff round and even scored 14 in Shirley's 72-65 victory over World Resort in the semifinals.



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Jack Aranda will try to help Pacific Islands Club get past Shirley's-Century Hotel in the one-game finals in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League.

Laolao Bay to put up new golf group

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Laolao Bay Golf Resort is planning to launch its own golf club in its bid to make the Kagman golf course more accessible to residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Laolao Bay officials invited 11 representatives of various golf associations on Saipan to a recent meeting where they presented their plan.

The Saipan Golf Association, Fil-Taga Golfers Association, Commonwealth Women's Golf Association, Korean Golf Association, and other groups are some of those that they invited in the said meeting held at Laolao Bay.

Laolao Bay management, however, clarified that they are not trying to unite all golf associations under one club, but rather is forming a new group where everyone is free to join and can further hone their respective games.

Laolao Bay Sales and Marketing manager for Korean market, Paul Park, said that Club Lao is the tentative name given by management where they are hoping to attract a minimum membership of 100. They will set an election of officers once everything is finalized.

"We won't be strict with the selection of membership and we're still haven't decided yet if we're going to allow the junior golfer to join the club," said Park.

Park added that they are opening the two 18-hole Greg Norman-designed golf courses to those who are interested to join for a free trial period from Sept. 22 to Oct. 31 with no registration fee required. Registered members will only pay a $25 fee to play and $5 for use of the locker.

Laolao Bay is also organizing a club tournament for its members on Oct. 26 starting at 1pm at the west course with a $50 entry fee, including play fee and banquet.

Park said that the club's official name, application process, benefits, and regulations will be announced before end of October.

Park added that Laolao Bay management will also be introducing new CNMI resident regular play fee with a flat rate of $40 at both courses (east and west) to all CNMI residents effective Oct. 1 until further notice.

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Laolao Bay Golf Resort plans to attract more golfers to troop to the Kagman course by putting up a new association.

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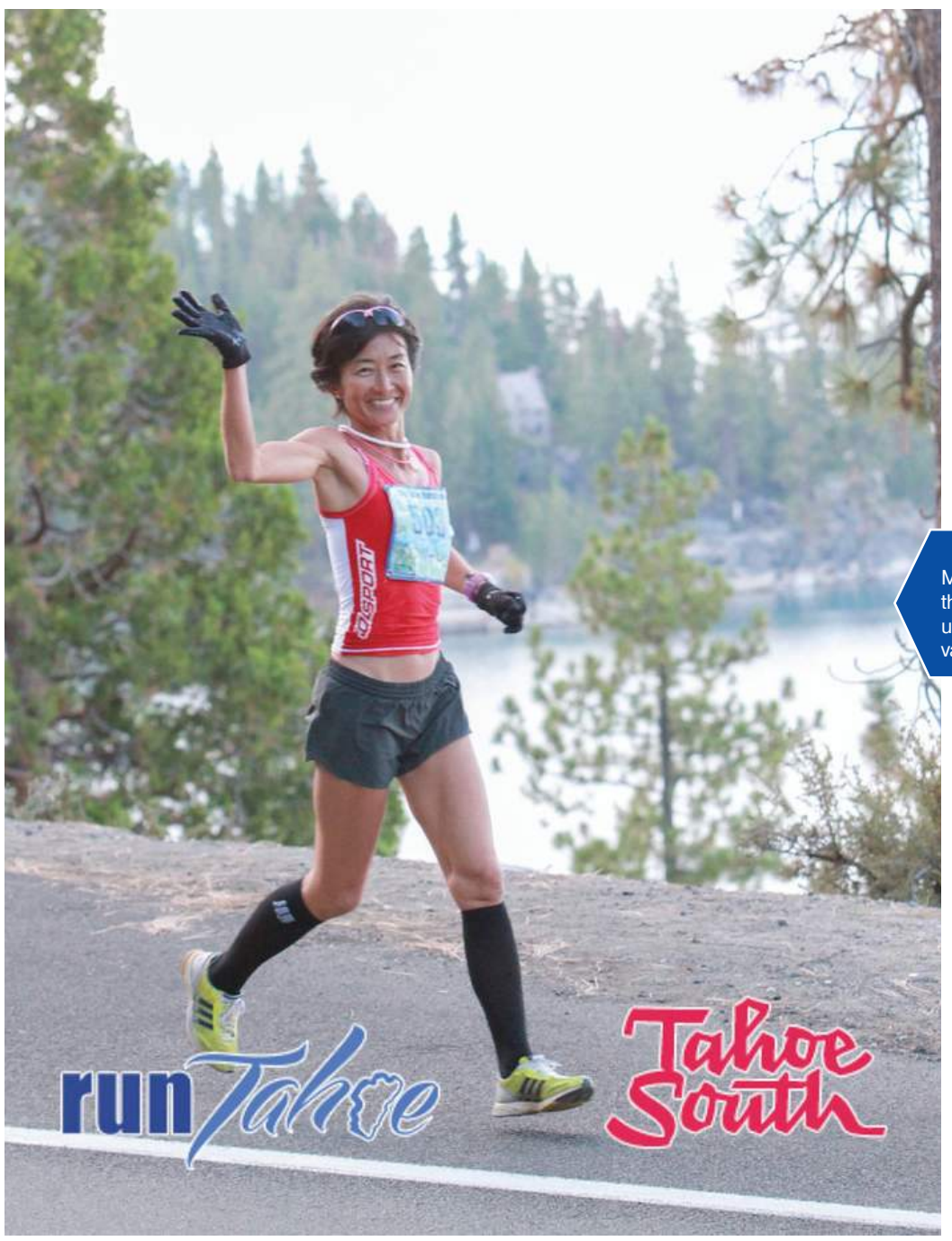

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Mamiko Oshima-Berger waves to the crowd as she negotiates the uphill course of the California-Nevada Marathon last week.

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Saipan long distance runner Mamiko Oshima-Berger survived marathon races for two straight days and won her age group in both events.

The 44-year-old runner did the Emerald Bay Marathon in California first on Sept. 12 and completed the hilly and high altitude (7,000 feet) course in 4:40:19.7. She ruled the 40 to 49 age group, beating nine other runners and was about 10 minutes ahead of her closest pursuer. Oshima-Berger also finished eighth out of the 48 female runners and 15th overall (of 54 runners). Rachael Theriot (3:55:36.1) and Gary Krugger (2:51:51) were the women's and men's overall winners.

Up next for the 2010 Micronesian Games double gold medalist was the California-Nevada Marathon and this time Oshima-Berger ran faster because of the flatter course. She submitted 4:01:12 to top the 40 to 49 age group anew, finishing ahead of 11 other runners in her division. Oshima-Berger was also second overall (out of 48 runners) in the women's division, just behind by 6:34.3 from 27-year-old champion Adriana Corerch. The Saipan long distance runner was way ahead of the runner-up in her age group, as her closest rival came in at 4:40:46.

Though she prevailed in her age group in both races, Oshima-Berger humbly said her times were slow. However, her husband Joshua justified the times, saying in between the hills

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DYS Projects, Rollers prevail in U14 games

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The Rollers and DYS Projects won the opening day games in the U14 division of the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Rollers were paired against the Tinian Ol'Aces and notched a lopsided 55-15 victory in the first game, while DYS Projects outclassed the Ol'Aces in the second match, 21-16.

It was a come-from-behind victory for DYS, as it trailed in the first three quarters before finding its target in the fourth to steal the win. DYS scored 13 points in the fourth canto, surpassing its combined output in the first three periods. Chevy Kate Alipio led the fourth-quarter fight back, drilling all her 7 points in the payoff frame.

The fourth canto started with DYS behind, 8-16, as it tallied only 2 point each in the first and second cantos and 4 in the third. The Ol'Aces registered 4 points apiece in the first two frames and added 8 more in the third before failing to hit the board in the final canto to allow DYS to recover.

Andrew Litusquen top-scored for DYS with his 8 points, while Gregorio Sablan and Donavid Ada recorded 4 apiece to pace the Ol'Aces.

In the other U14 game, the Rollers took control of its match against the Tinian Ol'Aces right at the buzzer en route to the 40-point win.

The Rollers posted an early double-digit spread, 12-2, behind the 6 points of Chioni Dela Cruz. The Tinian Ol'Aces were held to 2 points off Joshua Hofscheider's pair

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The Rollers pose for a photo before playing against the Tinian Ol'Aces in the U14 division of the BANMI youth caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Time for Goodell to really say something

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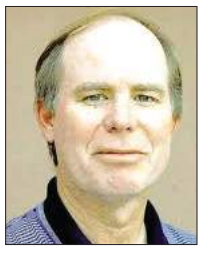

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Floyd Mayweather Jr., who has spent some time in jail for abusing women himself, was speaking some truth when he briefly rose to Ray Rice's defense last week while trying to sell some pay-per-views for his latest fight.

"I think there's a lot worse things that go on in other people's households, also," Mayweather said. "It's just not caught on video."

It didn't take long for Mayweather's point to be made. What went on in Adrian Peterson's household with a defenseless 4-year-old boy had to be so sickening that we can only be thankful there is no video of him wielding the wrong end of a tree branch against his son.

Surely the suddenly reclusive Roger Goodell must have understood that, even if the owners of the Minnesota Vikings didn't. They thought they could shove Peterson back on the field much the same way they bullied taxpayers into building the team a billion-dollar stadium now under construction in downtown Minneapolis.

That's the way it's always been done in the NFL. Don't like something? Well, too bad. We'll do it anyway, and odds are you will end up picking up the tab.

But the rules have changed, if ever so slightly. Instead of cheerleading the way he did for the new stadium, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton called the decision to allow Peterson to play a public embarrassment for the state and the team. Meanwhile, Radisson hotels had already pulled its sponsorship of the team, and major sponsors like Budweiser started making noises that they were getting uncomfortable with the way things were going down in the NFL.

The golden goose was being threatened, something the 32

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